

1 AN ACT concerning business.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Recyclable Metal Purchase Registration Law  
5 is amended by changing Sections 2, 4.1, and 4.3 as follows:

6 (815 ILCS 325/2) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 322)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. When used in this Act:

8 "Burned wire" means any coated metal wire that has been  
9 smelted, burned, or melted, thereby removing the protective  
10 coating or the manufacturer's or owner's identifying marks.

11 "Catalytic converter" means a post-combustion device that  
12 oxidizes hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide gases or reduces  
13 oxides of nitrogen and that is designed or intended for use as  
14 part of an emission control system. As used in this Section,  
15 "catalytic converter" includes nonferrous parts, including  
16 rhodium, platinum, and palladium.

17 "Detached catalytic converter" means a catalytic converter  
18 that was previously installed on a motor vehicle and  
19 subsequently removed.

20 "Recyclable metal" means any copper, brass, or aluminum,  
21 or any combination of those metals, or any catalytic converter  
22 or its contents purchased by a recyclable metal dealer,  
23 irrespective of form or quantity, except that "recyclable

1 metal" does not include: (i) items designed to contain, or to  
2 be used in the preparation of, beverages or food for human  
3 consumption; (ii) discarded items of non-commercial or  
4 household waste; (iii) gold, silver, platinum, and other  
5 precious metals used in jewelry; or (iv) vehicles, junk  
6 vehicles, vehicle cowlings, or essential vehicle parts.  
7 "Recyclable metal" includes copper, brass, aluminum, or any  
8 combination of those metals found in telecommunications wire  
9 or in any other equipment used to provide (i)  
10 telecommunications services, as described in Section 13-203 of  
11 the Public Utilities Act, or (ii) broadband service,  
12 interconnected VoIP services, or wireless services, as  
13 described in Section 13-804 of the Public Utilities Act.

14 "Recyclable metal dealer" means any individual, firm,  
15 corporation or partnership conducting activity within the  
16 boundaries of the State of Illinois and engaged in the  
17 business of purchasing and reselling recyclable metal either  
18 at a permanently established place of business or in  
19 connection with a business of an itinerant nature, including  
20 junk shops, junk yards, or junk stores, except that  
21 "recyclable metal dealer" does not include automotive parts  
22 recyclers, scrap processors, repairers and rebuilders licensed  
23 pursuant to Section 5-301 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.  
24 Recyclable metal dealers shall not be engaged in the business  
25 of purchasing or reselling vehicles, junk vehicles, vehicle  
26 cowlings, or essential vehicle parts.

1       "Telecommunications wire" means (i) wire used in a  
2 wireline communications network facility or (ii) wire used in  
3 a wireless communications network facility, fiber, copper  
4 cable sheathed, or twisted-pair wire without sheathing.  
5 "Telecommunications wire" includes tower, antennae, bus bar,  
6 copper ground support structures, burned wire, and all  
7 associated aerial or ground-based cable lines or equipment  
8 used as part of a wireline or wireless telecommunications or  
9 broadband network.

10       (Source: P.A. 102-906, eff. 5-27-22; 103-677, eff. 1-1-25.)

11       (815 ILCS 325/4.1)

12       Sec. 4.1. Restricted purchases.

13       (a) It is a violation of this Act for any person to  
14 possess, purchase, attempt to purchase, sell or attempt to  
15 sell, or for any recyclable metal dealer to purchase or  
16 attempt to purchase, any of the following:

17           (1) materials that are clearly marked as property  
18 belonging to a business or someone else other than the  
19 seller;

20           (2) property associated with use by governments,  
21 utilities, or railroads including, but not limited to,  
22 guardrails, manhole covers, electric transmission and  
23 distribution equipment, including transformers, grounding  
24 straps, wires or poles, historical markers, street signs,  
25 traffic signs, sewer grates, or any rail, switch

1 component, spike, angle bar, tie plate, or bolt of the  
2 type used in constructing railroad track;

3 (3) cemetery plaques or ornaments; ~~or~~

4 (4) any catalytic converter or its contents not  
5 attached to a motor vehicle at the time of the transaction  
6 unless the seller is licensed as an automotive parts  
7 recycler or scrap processor; or

8 (5) telecommunications wire in any amount unless the  
9 seller is an authorized agent, a representative, an  
10 employee, or a licensed contractor of a public utility, a  
11 provider of telecommunications services as described in  
12 Section 13-203 of the Public Utilities Act, or a provider  
13 of broadband service, interconnected VoIP services, or  
14 wireless services as described in Section 13-804 of the  
15 Public Utilities Act.

16 (b) (Blank).

17 (Source: P.A. 102-906, eff. 5-27-22; 103-677, eff. 1-1-25.)

18 (815 ILCS 325/4.3)

19 Sec. 4.3. Purchases of copper and telecommunications wire.

20 A recyclable metal dealer shall not pay cash in payment for any  
21 copper, including copper tubing or wiring, or  
22 telecommunications wire having a value of \$100 or more.

23 Payment for these materials must be made as follows:

24 (1) by check or money order;

25 (2) the payee on the check or money order shall be the

1 same person as the seller who conducted the transaction;  
2 (3) if the seller is a business, then the recyclable  
3 metal dealer shall make the check or money order payable  
4 to the company, and not to any individual employee or  
5 agent of the company.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-923, eff. 1-1-13.)