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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

House Bill 871  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Jackson)

Finance

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**Business Regulation - Detached Catalytic Converters - Record-Keeping Requirements**

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This bill requires a licensed automotive dismantler, scrap metal processor, or junk dealer that acquires all or part of a detached catalytic converter from a person to record and keep in the person's records the vehicle identification number of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was obtained.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State government operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Automotive dismantlers, scrap metal processors, and junk dealers must be licensed in order to operate in the State. For each of these professions, State law requires licensees to keep detailed records about the automobiles, scrap metal, or junk obtained in the course of doing business. State law also includes the circumstances under which these records must be submitted to a regulatory agency or a law enforcement officer.

For example, for each purchase of junk or scrap metal in the State, a junk dealer or scrap metal processor must keep a record in English that states, among other things (1) the date and time of purchase; (2) a description of the junk or scrap metal purchased; and (3) the name and address of the individual from whom the junk or scrap metal is acquired.

Additionally, each automotive dismantler and recycler and scrap processor must record and keep for each vehicle acquired, among other things, (1) the name and address of the person from whom the vehicle was acquired; (2) the date on which it was acquired; and (3) documentary evidence acceptable to the Motor Vehicle Administration of ownership of the vehicle. Similar information is *not* required for the purchase of all or part of a catalytic converter (that is not attached to a vehicle).

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Labor; Maryland Department of Transportation; Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy; Department of State Police; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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