
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SABATINA, R. STEVENSON AND YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 23, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 23, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 24, 1998 (P.L.874, No.110),
2 entitled "An act relating to the unlawful disposition of
3 motor vehicles; and providing penalties," further providing
4 for the definition of "chop shop."

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of November 24, 1998
8 (P.L.874, No.110), known as the Motor Vehicle Chop Shop and
9 Illegally Obtained and Altered Property Act, is amended to read:

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Chop shop." Any building, lot or other premises where one
15 or more persons engage in altering, destroying, disassembling,
16 dismantling, reassembling, storing or possessing any motor
17 vehicle or motor vehicle part known [by such person or persons
18 to be illegally obtained] to be illegally obtained by theft,

1 fraud or conspiracy to defraud in order to either:

2 (1) alter, counterfeit, deface, destroy, disguise,
3 falsify, forge, obliterate or remove the identification,
4 including the vehicle identification number of the motor
5 vehicle or motor vehicle part, in order to misrepresent the
6 identity of the motor vehicle or motor vehicle part or to
7 prevent the identification of the motor vehicle or motor
8 vehicle part; or

9 (2) sell or dispose of the motor vehicle or motor
10 vehicle part.

11 "Motor vehicle." A vehicle which is self-propelled except
12 one which is propelled solely by human power or by electric
13 power obtained from overhead trolley wires but not operated upon
14 rails.

15 "Person." A natural person, firm, copartnership, association
16 or corporation.

17 "Vehicle identification number." A combination of numerals
18 or letters, or both, which the manufacturer assigns to a vehicle
19 for identification purposes or, in the absence of a manufacturer
20 assigned number, which the Department of Transportation assigns
21 to a vehicle for identification purposes.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.