

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SB 271 # 8

### DIGEST

Purchases. Moves crimes concerning valuable metal and telecommunications network equipment (TNE) from IC 25 to IC 35. Removes penalty provisions relating to a person who attempts to sell TNE. Removes documentation requirements. Requires a valuable metal dealer to set aside TNE for 30 calendar days. Removes civil forfeiture provisions. Makes conforming amendments.

---

- 1 Page 1, line 8, after "wireline" insert "**or wireless**".
- 2 Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, begin a new line double block  
3 indented and insert:
- 4 "**(A) fiber; and**
- 5 "**(B) cable consisting of six (6) or more twisted pairs of wire,**
- 6 "**with or without sheathing;**".
- 7 Page 2, delete lines 26 through 42, begin a new paragraph and  
8 insert:
- 9 "SECTION 2. IC 25-37.5-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2013,  
10 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
11 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. **(a)** Except as provided in section 5 of this  
12 chapter, every valuable metal dealer shall hold each purchase of  
13 valuable metal:
- 14 **(1)** requiring notification, for at least five (5) working days from  
15 the date of notification; **or**
- 16 **(2) that is telecommunications network equipment, for at least**  
17 **thirty (30) calendar days from the date of purchase.**
- 18 **(b) A purchase described in subsection (a) shall be held:**
- 19 (1) at the regular place of business of the valuable metal dealer;  
20 and
- 21 (2) separate and apart, so that it is readily identifiable from all  
22 other purchases.
- 23 **(c) During this the period described in subsection (b), a valuable**  
24 **metal dealer may not change the form of the valuable metal, and shall**  
25 **permit any law enforcement officer to make inspection of the valuable**

1 metal purchased.

2 SECTION 3. IC 25-37.5-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.70-2021,  
3 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A valuable metal dealer who fails to comply  
5 with this chapter commits a Class A infraction. **In addition, the  
6 valuable metal dealer may be subject to a criminal penalty under  
7 IC 35-43-4-3.3.**

8 (b) ~~A valuable metal dealer who:~~

9 (1) ~~knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with this chapter;~~  
10 ~~and~~

11 (2) ~~purchases stolen valuable metal;~~  
12 ~~commits concealing a valuable metal purchase, a Level 6 felony."~~

13 Delete pages 3 through 7.

14 Page 8, delete lines 1 through 26.

15 Page 9, after line 18, begin a new paragraph and insert:

16 "SECTION 4. IC 35-31.5-2-264.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 264.3. "Purchase", for purposes  
19 of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

20 SECTION 5. IC 35-31.5-2-326.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
21 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
22 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 326.5. "Telecommunications  
23 network equipment", for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the  
24 meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-0.7.**

25 SECTION 6. IC 35-31.5-2-345.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
26 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
27 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 345.5. "Valuable metal", for  
28 purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in  
29 IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

30 SECTION 7. IC 35-31.5-2-345.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
31 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
32 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 345.6. "Valuable metal dealer",  
33 for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in  
34 IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

35 SECTION 8. IC 35-43-4-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
36 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
37 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) The following definitions apply throughout  
38 this section:**

39 (1) **"Purchase" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

40 (2) **"Telecommunications network equipment" has the**

- 1           **meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-0.7.**
- 2           **(3) "Valuable metal" has the meaning set forth in**
- 3           **IC 25-37.5-1-1.**
- 4           **(4) "Valuable metal dealer" has the meaning set forth in**
- 5           **IC 25-37.5-1-1.**
- 6           **(b) A valuable metal dealer who:**
- 7           **(1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with**
- 8           **IC 25-37.5-1; and**
- 9           **(2) purchases stolen valuable metal;**
- 10          **commits concealing a valuable metal purchase, a Level 6 felony.**
- 11          SECTION 9. IC 35-52-25-61.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 12          1, 2026]. Sec. 61.5. IC 25-37.5-1-7 defines a crime concerning valuable
- 13          metal dealers."
- 14          Re-number all SECTIONS consecutively.
- (Reference is to SB 271 as printed January 14, 2026.)