

# PROPOSED AMENDMENT

## SB 271 # 6

### DIGEST

Crimes, possession, and recordkeeping. Moves crimes concerning valuable metal and telecommunications network equipment from IC 25 to IC 35. Makes changes relating to possession and recordkeeping. Makes conforming amendments.

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- 1       Page 1, line 8, after "wireline" insert **"or wireless"**.
- 2       Page 2, delete lines 26 through 42, begin a new paragraph and  
3 insert:
- 4       "SECTION 3. IC 25-37.5-1-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.70-2021,  
5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 7. (a) A valuable metal dealer who fails to comply  
7 with this chapter commits a Class A infraction. **In addition, the**  
8 **valuable metal dealer may be subject to a criminal penalty under**  
9 **IC 35-43-4-3.3.**
- 10       ~~(b) A valuable metal dealer who:~~
- 11       ~~(1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with this chapter;~~  
12       ~~and~~
- 13       ~~(2) purchases stolen valuable metal;~~  
14       ~~commits concealing a valuable metal purchase; a Level 6 felony.~~
- 15       **(b) A person who possesses, sells, or attempts to sell**  
16 **telecommunications network equipment in violation of this chapter**  
17 **commits a Class A infraction. In addition, the person may be**  
18 **subject to a criminal penalty under IC 35-43-4-3.3."**
- 19       Page 3, delete lines 1 through 4.
- 20       Page 3, line 7, after "Sec. 11." insert **"(a)"**.
- 21       Page 3, line 7, delete "sell" and insert **"possess, sell,"**.
- 22       Page 3, between lines 32 and 33, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
23       **"(b) A valuable metal dealer that purchases telecommunications**  
24 **network equipment shall maintain an electronic copy of the**  
25 **certificate of ownership provided by the retail seller under**  
26 **subsection (a)(3) for two (2) years."**

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

"SECTION 6. IC 35-31.5-2-264.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 264.3. "Purchase", for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

SECTION 7. IC 35-31.5-2-326.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 326.5. "Telecommunications network equipment", for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-0.7.**

SECTION 8. IC 35-31.5-2-345.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 345.5. "Valuable metal", for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

SECTION 9. IC 35-31.5-2-345.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 345.6. "Valuable metal dealer", for purposes of IC 35-43-4-3.3, has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

SECTION 10. IC 35-43-4-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) The following definitions apply throughout this section:**

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

(2) "Telecommunications network equipment" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-0.7.

(3) "Valuable metal" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.

(4) "Valuable metal dealer" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.

(b) A valuable metal dealer who:

(1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with IC 25-37.5-1; and

(2) purchases stolen valuable metal;

**commits concealing a valuable metal purchase, a Level 6 felony.**

(c) A person who:

(1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with IC 25-37.5-1; and

(2) sells stolen telecommunications network equipment;

1       **commits concealment of the sale of telecommunications network**  
2       **equipment, a Level 6 felony.**

3       SECTION 11. IC 35-52-25-61.5 IS REPEALED. [EFFECTIVE  
4       JULY 1, 2026] ~~Sec. 61.5. IC 25-37.5-1-7 defines a crime concerning~~  
5       ~~valuable metal dealers."~~

6       Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
      (Reference is to SB 271 as printed January 14, 2026.)