

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.

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.**".

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (1) **"Purchase" has the meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-1.**
26 (2) **"Telecommunications network equipment" has the
27 meaning set forth in IC 25-37.5-1-0.7.**
28 (3) **"Valuable metal" has the meaning set forth in
29 IC 25-37.5-1-1.**
30 (4) **"Valuable metal dealer" has the meaning set forth in
31 IC 25-37.5-1-1.**

32 **(b) A valuable metal dealer who:**

33 (1) **knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with
34 IC 25-37.5-1; and**
35 (2) **purchases stolen valuable metal;**
36 **commits concealing a valuable metal purchase, a Level 6 felony.**

37 **(c) A person who:**

38 (1) **knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with
39 IC 25-37.5-1; and**
40 (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.)