



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 271, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 2, between lines 3 and 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:
2 "SECTION 2. IC 25-37.5-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-2013,
3 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
4 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) When used in this chapter, "valuable metal"
5 means any product made of metal that readily may be resold. The term:
6 (1) includes metal bossies, **telecommunications network**
7 **equipment**, and small component motor vehicle parts; and
8 (2) does not include the following:
9 (A) A beverage can.
10 (B) Used jewelry regulated under IC 24-4-13.
11 (C) Precious metal regulated under IC 24-4-19.
12 (b) As used in this chapter, "valuable metal dealer" means any
13 individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership
14 engaged in the business of purchasing and reselling valuable metal
15 either at a permanently established place of business or in connection
16 with a business of an itinerant nature, including junk shops, junk yards,
17 junk stores, auto wreckers, scrap metal dealers or processors, salvage
18 yards, collectors of or dealers in junk, and junk cars or trucks. The term
19 includes a core buyer. The term does not include a person who
20 purchases a vehicle and obtains title to the vehicle.

(c) As used in this chapter, "purchase" means acquiring a valuable metal product for a consideration, but does not include purchases between scrap metal processing facilities (as defined in IC 8-23-1-36).".

Page 2, delete lines 25 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 25-37.5-1-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: **Sec. 11. A person may not sell or attempt to sell, and a valuable metal dealer may not purchase or attempt to purchase, telecommunications network equipment in any amount, unless:**

(1) the seller is an authorized agent, representative, or employee of a telecommunications provider, broadband provider, or public utility;

(2) the seller:

(A) is authorized by the state to conduct business in Indiana;

(B) is an employee or authorized agent of a business that, in the normal course of operations, handles salvaged telecommunications network equipment, including building contractors and demolition firms; and

(C) presents to the valuable metal dealer for inspection a valid certificate of existence or good standing issued by the state; or

(3) the seller is a retail seller that possesses a certificate of ownership signed by an employee of the telecommunications company stating that the seller is the lawful owner of the telecommunications network equipment. This certificate of ownership must be provided on the telecommunications company business letterhead and must provide the date that the telecommunications network equipment was acquired by the seller and a description of how the telecommunications

- 1 **network equipment was acquired."**
- 2 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 6.
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to SB 271 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass .

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

Senator Freeman, Chairperson