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SENATE BILL No. 271

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DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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.

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-37.5-1-0.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
- 2 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 0.7. (a) As used in this section,
- 4 "burned wire" means coated metal wire from which the protective
- 5 coating has been removed by smelting, burning, or melting.
- 6 (b) As used in this chapter, "telecommunications network
- 7 equipment" means:
- 8 (1) wire used in wireline [or wireless]communications
- 9 service, including:
- 10 [(A) fiber;<
- 11 ~~(B) sheathed copper cable; and~~
- 12 ~~(C) twisted-pair wire>~~ [and
- 13 (B) cable consisting of six (6) or more twisted pairs of
- 14 wire, with or] without sheathing;[
- 15 [including burned wire; and
- 16 (2) any component of equipment or infrastructure used to
- 17 provide telecommunications service, including:
- 18 (A) tower components;

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- 1 **(B) antennae;**
 2 **(C) bus bars; and**
 3 **(D) copper ground support structures;**
 4 **and all associated aerial or ground based cable lines or equipment**
 5 **used as part of a telecommunications or broadband network.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 25-37.5-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.222-2013,
 7 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) When used in this chapter, "valuable metal"
 9 means any product made of metal that readily may be resold. The term:

- 10 (1) includes metal bossies, **telecommunications network**
 11 **equipment**, and small component motor vehicle parts; and
 12 (2) does not include the following:
 13 (A) A beverage can.
 14 (B) Used jewelry regulated under IC 24-4-13.
 15 (C) Precious metal regulated under IC 24-4-19.

16 (b) As used in this chapter, "valuable metal dealer" means any
 17 individual, firm, corporation, limited liability company, or partnership
 18 engaged in the business of purchasing and reselling valuable metal
 19 either at a permanently established place of business or in connection
 20 with a business of an itinerant nature, including junk shops, junk yards,
 21 junk stores, auto wreckers, scrap metal dealers or processors, salvage
 22 yards, collectors of or dealers in junk, and junk cars or trucks. The term
 23 includes a core buyer. The term does not include a person who
 24 purchases a vehicle and obtains title to the vehicle.

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

28 SECTION 3. IC 25-37. 5-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.224-2013,
 29 SECTION 7, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in section 5 of this
 31 chapter, every valuable metal dealer shall hold each purchase of
 32 valuable metal:

- 33 (1) requiring notification, for at least five (5) working days from
 34 the date of notification; or
 35 (2) that is telecommunications network equipment, for at
 36 least thirty (30) calendar days from the date of purchase.
 37 (b) A purchase described in subsection (a) shall be held:
 38 (1) at the regular place of business of the valuable metal dealer;
 39 and
 40 (2) separate and apart, so that it is readily identifiable from all
 41 other purchases.
 42 (c) During this the period described in subsection (b), a valuable

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1 metal dealer may not change the form of the valuable metal, and shall
2 permit any law enforcement officer to make inspection of the valuable
3 metal purchased.

4 SECTION 4. 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
7 comply with this chapter commits a Class A infraction. <

8 ~~— (b) A >~~ **[In addition, the] valuable metal dealer [may be subject**
9 **to a criminal penalty under IC 35-43-4-3.3.**

10 ~~(b) A valuable metal dealer]~~ who:

11 ~~[(1)] [knowingly] [or] [intentionally] [fails] [to]~~
12 ~~[comply] [with] [this] [chapter;] [and]~~

13 ~~[(2)] [purchases] [stolen] [valuable] [metal;]~~
14 ~~[commits] [concealing] [a] [valuable] [metal] [purchase;]~~
15 ~~[a] [Level] [6] < felony.~~

16 ~~— (e) A:~~

17 ~~— (1) person who sells or attempts to sell telecommunications~~
18 ~~network equipment; or~~

19 ~~— (2) valuable metal dealer who purchases or attempts to~~
20 ~~purchase telecommunications network equipment;~~

21 ~~in violation of this chapter commits a Class A infraction.~~

22 ~~— (d) A person who:~~

23 ~~— (1) knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with this~~
24 ~~chapter; and~~

25 ~~— (2) sells stolen telecommunications network equipment;~~
26 ~~commits concealment of the sale of telecommunications network~~
27 ~~equipment, a Level 6 felony.~~

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

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

37 ~~— (2) the seller:~~

38 ~~— (A) is authorized by the state to conduct business in~~
39 ~~Indiana;~~

40 ~~— (B) is an employee or authorized agent of a business~~
41 ~~that, in the normal course of operations, handles~~
42 ~~salvaged telecommunications network equipment;~~

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~~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
network equipment was acquired.~~

~~SECTION 5. IC 34-24-1-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,
SECTION 184, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. (a) The following may be seized:~~

~~(1) All vehicles (as defined by IC 35-31.5-2-346), if they are
used or are intended for use by the person or persons in
possession of them to transport or in any manner to facilitate the
transportation of the following:~~

~~(A) A controlled substance for the purpose of committing;
attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit any of the
following:~~

~~(i) Dealing in or manufacturing cocaine or a narcotic
drug (IC 35-48-4-1).~~

~~(ii) Dealing in methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.1).~~

~~(iii) Manufacturing methamphetamine
(IC 35-48-4-1.2).~~

~~(iv) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled
substance (IC 35-48-4-2).~~

~~(v) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance
(IC 35-48-4-3).~~

~~(vi) Dealing in a schedule V controlled substance
(IC 35-48-4-4).~~

~~(vii) Dealing in a counterfeit substance (IC 35-48-4-5).~~

~~(viii) Possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug
(IC 35-48-4-6).~~

~~(ix) Possession of methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-6.1).~~

~~(x) Dealing in paraphernalia (IC 35-48-4-8.5).~~

~~(xi) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia
(IC 35-48-4-10).~~

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- 1 ~~_____ (xii) An offense under IC 35-48-4 involving a synthetic~~
 2 ~~drug (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321), a synthetic drug~~
 3 ~~lookalike substance (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321.5~~
 4 ~~(before its repeal on July 1, 2019)) under~~
 5 ~~IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019), a~~
 6 ~~controlled substance analog (as defined in~~
 7 ~~IC 35-48-1.1-8), or a substance represented to be a~~
 8 ~~controlled substance (as described in IC 35-48-4-4.6).~~
 9 ~~_____ (B) Any stolen (IC 35-43-4-2 or IC 35-43-4-2.2) or~~
 10 ~~converted property (IC 35-43-4-3) if the retail or repurchase~~
 11 ~~value of that property is one hundred dollars (\$100) or~~
 12 ~~more.~~
 13 ~~_____ (C) Any hazardous waste in violation of IC 13-30-10-1.5.~~
 14 ~~_____ (D) A bomb (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-31) or weapon of~~
 15 ~~mass destruction (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-354) used to~~
 16 ~~commit, used in an attempt to commit, or used in a~~
 17 ~~conspiracy to commit a felony terrorist offense (as defined~~
 18 ~~in IC 35-50-2-18) or an offense under IC 35-47 as part of or~~
 19 ~~in furtherance of an act of terrorism (as defined by~~
 20 ~~IC 35-31.5-2-329).~~
 21 ~~_____ (2) All money, negotiable instruments, securities, weapons,~~
 22 ~~communications devices, or any property used to commit, used~~
 23 ~~in an attempt to commit, or used in a conspiracy to commit a~~
 24 ~~felony terrorist offense (as defined in IC 35-50-2-18) or an~~
 25 ~~offense under IC 35-47 as part of or in furtherance of an act of~~
 26 ~~terrorism or commonly used as consideration for a violation of~~
 27 ~~IC 35-48-4 (other than items subject to forfeiture under~~
 28 ~~IC 16-42-20-5 or IC 16-6-8.5-5.1, before its repeal):~~
 29 ~~_____ (A) furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in~~
 30 ~~exchange for an act that is in violation of a criminal statute;~~
 31 ~~_____ (B) used to facilitate any violation of a criminal statute; or~~
 32 ~~_____ (C) traceable as proceeds of the violation of a criminal~~
 33 ~~statute.~~
 34 ~~_____ (3) Any portion of real or personal property purchased with~~
 35 ~~money that is traceable as a proceed of a violation of a criminal~~
 36 ~~statute.~~
 37 ~~_____ (4) A vehicle that is used by a person to:~~
 38 ~~_____ (A) commit, attempt to commit, or conspire to commit;~~
 39 ~~_____ (B) facilitate the commission of; or~~
 40 ~~_____ (C) escape from the commission of;~~
 41 ~~_____ murder (IC 35-42-1-1), dealing in a controlled substance~~
 42 ~~resulting in death (IC 35-42-1-1.5), kidnapping (IC 35-42-3-2);~~

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- 1 criminal confinement (IC 35-42-3-3), rape (IC 35-42-4-1), child
 2 molesting (IC 35-42-4-3), or child exploitation (IC 35-42-4-4);
 3 or a theft to which IC 35-43-4-2(a)(2)(B) applies, or an offense
 4 under IC 35-47 as part of or in furtherance of an act of terrorism.
 5 ~~— (5) Real property owned by a person who uses it to commit any
 6 of the following as a Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, or Level
 7 5 felony:~~
- 8 ~~— (A) Dealing in or manufacturing cocaine or a narcotic drug
 9 (IC 35-48-4-1).~~
 - 10 ~~— (B) Dealing in methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.1).~~
 - 11 ~~— (C) Manufacturing methamphetamine (IC 35-48-4-1.2).~~
 - 12 ~~— (D) Dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled substance
 13 (IC 35-48-4-2).~~
 - 14 ~~— (E) Dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance
 15 (IC 35-48-4-3).~~
 - 16 ~~— (F) Dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or salvia
 17 (IC 35-48-4-10).~~
 - 18 ~~— (G) Dealing in a synthetic drug (as defined in
 19 IC 35-31.5-2-321) or synthetic drug lookalike substance (as
 20 defined in IC 35-31.5-2-321.5 (before its repeal on July 1,
 21 2019)) under IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1,
 22 2019).~~
 - 23 ~~— (H) Dealing in a controlled substance resulting in death
 24 (IC 35-42-1-1.5).~~
 - 25 ~~— (6) Equipment and recordings used by a person to commit fraud
 26 under IC 35-43-5.~~
 - 27 ~~— (7) Recordings sold, rented, transported, or possessed by a
 28 person in violation of IC 24-4-10.~~
 - 29 ~~— (8) Property (as defined by IC 35-31.5-2-253) or an enterprise
 30 (as defined by IC 35-45-6-1) that is the object of a corrupt
 31 business influence violation (IC 35-45-6-2).~~
 - 32 ~~— (9) Unlawful telecommunications devices (as defined in
 33 IC 35-45-13-6) and plans, instructions, or publications used to
 34 commit an offense under IC 35-45-13.~~
 - 35 ~~— (10) Any equipment, including computer equipment and cellular
 36 telephones, used for or intended for use in preparing,
 37 photographing, recording, videotaping, digitizing, printing,
 38 copying, or disseminating matter in violation of IC 35-42-4.~~
 - 39 ~~— (11) Destructive devices used, possessed, transported, or sold in
 40 violation of IC 35-47-5.~~
 - 41 ~~— (12) Tobacco products that are sold in violation of IC 24-3-5,
 42 tobacco products that a person attempts to sell in violation of~~

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- 1 ~~IC 24-3-5, and other personal property owned and used by a~~
 2 ~~person to facilitate a violation of IC 24-3-5.~~
- 3 ~~(13) Property used by a person to commit counterfeiting or~~
 4 ~~forgery in violation of IC 35-43-5-2.~~
- 5 ~~(14) After December 31, 2005, if a person is convicted of an~~
 6 ~~offense specified in IC 25-26-14-26(b) or IC 35-43-10, the~~
 7 ~~following real or personal property:~~
- 8 ~~(A) Property used or intended to be used to commit,~~
 9 ~~facilitate, or promote the commission of the offense.~~
- 10 ~~(B) Property constituting, derived from, or traceable to the~~
 11 ~~gross proceeds that the person obtained directly or~~
 12 ~~indirectly as a result of the offense.~~
- 13 ~~(15) Except as provided in subsection (c), a vehicle used by a~~
 14 ~~person who operates the vehicle:~~
- 15 ~~(A) while intoxicated, in violation of IC 9-30-5-1 through~~
 16 ~~IC 9-30-5-5, if in the previous five (5) years the person has~~
 17 ~~two (2) or more prior unrelated convictions for operating a~~
 18 ~~motor vehicle while intoxicated in violation of IC 9-30-5-1~~
 19 ~~through IC 9-30-5-5; or~~
- 20 ~~(B) on a highway while the person's driving privileges are~~
 21 ~~suspended in violation of IC 9-24-19-2 through~~
 22 ~~IC 9-24-19-3, if in the previous five (5) years the person has~~
 23 ~~two (2) or more prior unrelated convictions for operating a~~
 24 ~~vehicle while intoxicated in violation of IC 9-30-5-1~~
 25 ~~through IC 9-30-5-5.~~
- 26 ~~If a court orders the seizure of a vehicle under this subdivision,~~
 27 ~~the court shall transmit an order to the bureau of motor vehicles~~
 28 ~~recommending that the bureau not permit a vehicle to be~~
 29 ~~registered in the name of the person whose vehicle was seized~~
 30 ~~until the person possesses a current driving license (as defined~~
 31 ~~in IC 9-13-2-41).~~
- 32 ~~(16) The following real or personal property:~~
- 33 ~~(A) Property used or intended to be used to commit,~~
 34 ~~facilitate, or promote the commission of an offense~~
 35 ~~specified in IC 23-14-48-9, IC 30-2-9-7(b), IC 30-2-10-9(b),~~
 36 ~~or IC 30-2-13-38(f).~~
- 37 ~~(B) Property constituting, derived from, or traceable to the~~
 38 ~~gross proceeds that a person obtains directly or indirectly as~~
 39 ~~a result of an offense specified in IC 23-14-48-9,~~
 40 ~~IC 30-2-9-7(b), IC 30-2-10-9(b), or IC 30-2-13-38(f).~~
- 41 ~~(17) Real or personal property, including a vehicle, that is used~~
 42 ~~by a person to:~~

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- 1 ~~— (A) commit, attempt to commit, or conspire to commit;~~
 2 ~~— (B) facilitate the commission of, or~~
 3 ~~— (C) escape from the commission of;~~
 4 ~~— a violation of IC 35-42-3.5-1 through IC 35-42-3.5-1.4 (human~~
 5 ~~trafficking) or IC 35-45-4-4 (promoting prostitution);~~
 6 ~~— (18) A signal jammer (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-305.5) that is~~
 7 ~~used by a person to commit unlawful use of a signal jammer~~
 8 ~~under IC 35-45-2-6.~~
 9 ~~— (b) A vehicle used by any person as a common or contract carrier~~
 10 ~~in the transaction of business as a common or contract carrier is not~~
 11 ~~subject to seizure under this section, unless it can be proven by a~~
 12 ~~preponderance of the evidence that the owner of the vehicle knowingly~~
 13 ~~permitted the vehicle to be used to engage in conduct that subjects it to~~
 14 ~~seizure under subsection (a).~~
 15 ~~— (c) Equipment under subsection (a)(10) may not be seized unless~~
 16 ~~it can be proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the owner of~~
 17 ~~the equipment knowingly permitted the equipment to be used to engage~~
 18 ~~in conduct that subjects it to seizure under subsection (a)(10).~~
 19 ~~— (d) Money, negotiable instruments, securities, weapons,~~
 20 ~~communications devices, or any property commonly used as~~
 21 ~~consideration for a violation of IC 35-48-4 found near or on a person~~
 22 ~~who is committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit any~~
 23 ~~of the following offenses shall be admitted into evidence in an action~~
 24 ~~under this chapter as prima facie evidence that the money, negotiable~~
 25 ~~instrument, security, or other thing of value is property that has been~~
 26 ~~used or was to have been used to facilitate the violation of a criminal~~
 27 ~~statute or is the proceeds of the violation of a criminal statute:~~
 28 ~~— (1) IC 35-42-1-1.5 (dealing in a controlled substance resulting in~~
 29 ~~death);~~
 30 ~~— (2) IC 35-48-4-1 (dealing in or manufacturing cocaine or a~~
 31 ~~narcotic drug);~~
 32 ~~— (3) IC 35-48-4-1.1 (dealing in methamphetamine);~~
 33 ~~— (4) IC 35-48-4-1.2 (manufacturing methamphetamine);~~
 34 ~~— (5) IC 35-48-4-2 (dealing in a schedule I, II, or III controlled~~
 35 ~~substance);~~
 36 ~~— (6) IC 35-48-4-3 (dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance);~~
 37 ~~— (7) IC 35-48-4-4 (dealing in a schedule V controlled substance)~~
 38 ~~as a Level 4 felony;~~
 39 ~~— (8) IC 35-48-4-6 (possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug) as a~~
 40 ~~Level 3, Level 4, or Level 5 felony;~~
 41 ~~— (9) IC 35-48-4-6.1 (possession of methamphetamine) as a Level~~
 42 ~~3, Level 4, or Level 5 felony;~~

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- 1 ~~— (10) IC 35-48-4-10 (dealing in marijuana, hash oil, hashish, or~~
- 2 ~~salvia) as a Level 5 felony;~~
- 3 ~~— (11) IC 35-48-4-10.5 (before its repeal on July 1, 2019) (dealing~~
- 4 ~~in a synthetic drug or synthetic drug lookalike substance) as a~~
- 5 ~~Level 5 felony or Level 6 felony (or as a Class C felony or Class~~
- 6 ~~D felony under IC 35-48-4-10 before its amendment in 2013);~~
- 7 ~~— (c) A vehicle operated by a person who is not:~~
- 8 ~~— (1) an owner of the vehicle; or~~
- 9 ~~— (2) the spouse of the person who owns the vehicle;~~
- 10 ~~is not subject to seizure under subsection (a)(15) unless it can be~~
- 11 ~~proven by a preponderance of the evidence that the owner of the~~
- 12 ~~vehicle knowingly permitted the vehicle to be used to engage in~~
- 13 ~~conduct that subjects it to seizure under subsection (a)(15);~~
- 14 ~~— SECTION 6 > [felony.~~
- 15 SECTION 5]. IC 34-24-3-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.276-2019,
- 16 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 17 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 1. If a person has an unpaid claim on a liability
- 18 that is covered by IC 24-4.6-5 or suffers a pecuniary loss as a result of
- 19 a violation of <=> [IC 25-37.5, <=> [IC 35-43, IC 35-42-3-3,
- 20 IC 35-42-3-4, IC 35-45-9, or IC 35-46-10, the person may bring a civil
- 21 action against the person who caused the loss for the following:
- 22 (1) An amount not to exceed three (3) times:
- 23 (A) the actual damages of the person suffering the loss, in
- 24 the case of a liability that is not covered by IC 24-4.6-5; or
- 25 (B) the total pump price of the motor fuel received, in the
- 26 case of a liability that is covered by IC 24-4.6-5.
- 27 (2) The costs of the action.
- 28 (3) A reasonable attorney's fee.
- 29 (4) Actual travel expenses that are not otherwise reimbursed
- 30 under subdivisions (1) through (3) and are incurred by the
- 31 person suffering loss to:
- 32 (A) have the person suffering loss or an employee or agent
- 33 of that person file papers and attend court proceedings
- 34 related to the recovery of a judgment under this chapter; or
- 35 (B) provide witnesses to testify in court proceedings related
- 36 to the recovery of a judgment under this chapter.
- 37 (5) A reasonable amount to compensate the person suffering loss
- 38 for time used to:
- 39 (A) file papers and attend court proceedings related to the
- 40 recovery of a judgment under this chapter; or
- 41 (B) travel to and from activities described in clause (A).
- 42 (6) Actual direct and indirect expenses incurred by the person

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1 suffering loss to compensate employees and agents for time used
2 to:

3 (A) file papers and attend court proceedings related to the
4 recovery of a judgment under this chapter; or

5 (B) travel to and from activities described in clause (A).

6 (7) All other reasonable costs of collection. [

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

37 (b) A valuable metal dealer who:

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

40 (2) purchases stolen valuable metal;
41 commits concealing a valuable metal purchase, a Level 6 felony.

42 SECTION 11. IC 35-52-25-61.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE

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1 [JULY 1, 2026](#)]. [Sec. 61.5: IC 25-37.5-1-7](#) defines a crime concerning
2 [valuable metal dealers](#).
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