

# Catalytic Converter Theft Model Law Update

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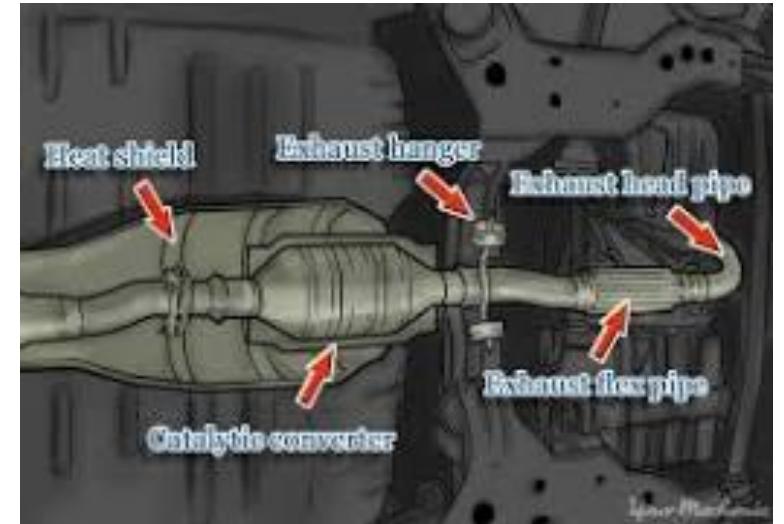
# Catalytic Converter Basics

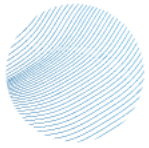
- **Catalytic Converter**

- Exhaust emission control device
- Converts toxic gases and pollutants in exhaust
  - = reduces emissions
- Located in exhaust system between exhaust manifold and muffler

- **Explosion in Thefts Since 2019**

- Criminals stealing catalytic converters at alarming rates
- High price of precious metals (rhodium, platinum, and palladium) driving theft



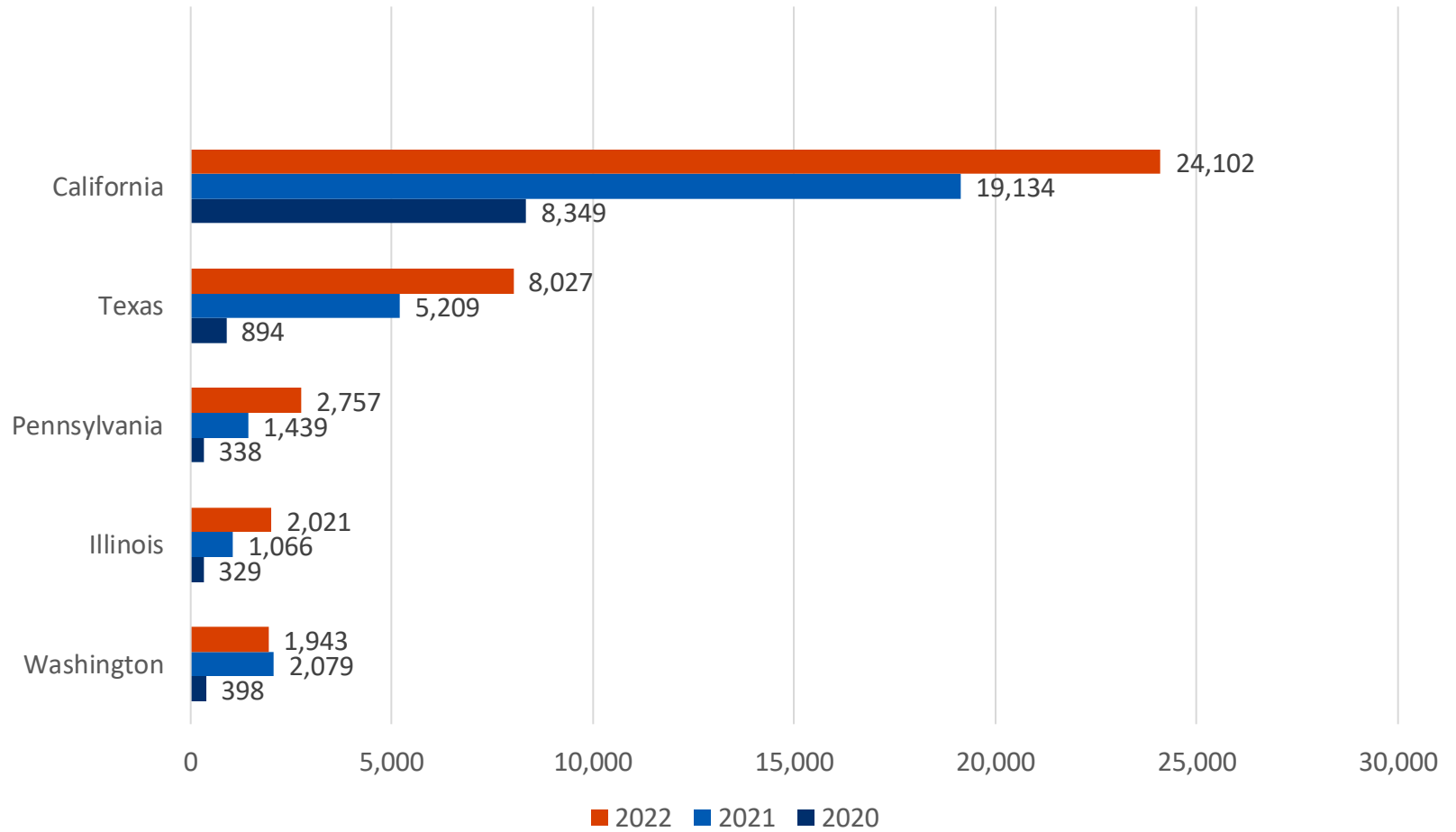


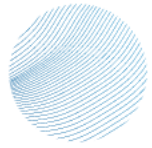
# Theft Figures and Hardest Hit Jurisdictions

### Top 5 Catalytic Converter Theft States (2022)

#### Catalytic Converter Thefts Claims 2020-2022

2020	2021	2022
16,660	51,209	64,701





# Insurance Industry Impact

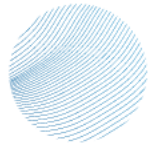
- High frequency of thefts
- Replacement costs for stolen catalytic converters
- Repair costs from incidental damage caused by hasty removal
  
- **Bottom Line: higher costs for insurers**

*One insurer paid out **\$4.6 million** in converter claims in 2019. That number rose to **\$73 million** in 2021 and **\$112 million** in 2022.*

**Thefts of catalytic converters keep surging. That's costing drivers and insurers.**

Megan Jamerson | Jun 2, 2023

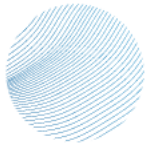
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# Consumer Impact

- **Financial Impact**
  - Direct repair costs
  - Economic costs from loss of vehicle use.
- **Public Safety Impact**
  - Safety risks of driving with a damaged vehicle
  - Consumers may directly or inadvertently intervene
  - Risk of injury or death





# Secondary Violent Crime

## Off-duty Harris County deputy shot and killed by catalytic converter theft suspect

by KFDM/Fox 4 | Friday, April 1st 2022



HARRIS COUNTY — Off-duty Harris County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Almendarez, 51, was shot and killed while trying to stop suspects who were stealing a catalytic converter from a car at a shopping center.

Sheriff Ed Gonzalez said Almendarez, a 23-year veteran of the department, assigned to the auto theft division, was shot while confronting suspected car burglars outside the Joe V's Smart Shop in the 2900 block of FM 1960 at Aldine Westfield at 8:40 p.m. Thursday. He died at a hospital.

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## Catalytic converter theft victim shot during robbery in Henrico



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By NBC12 Newsroom

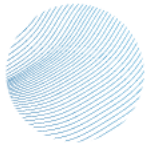
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HENRICO, Va. (WWBT) - A man was shot in Henrico after he found someone attempting to steal the catalytic converter from his car last weekend.

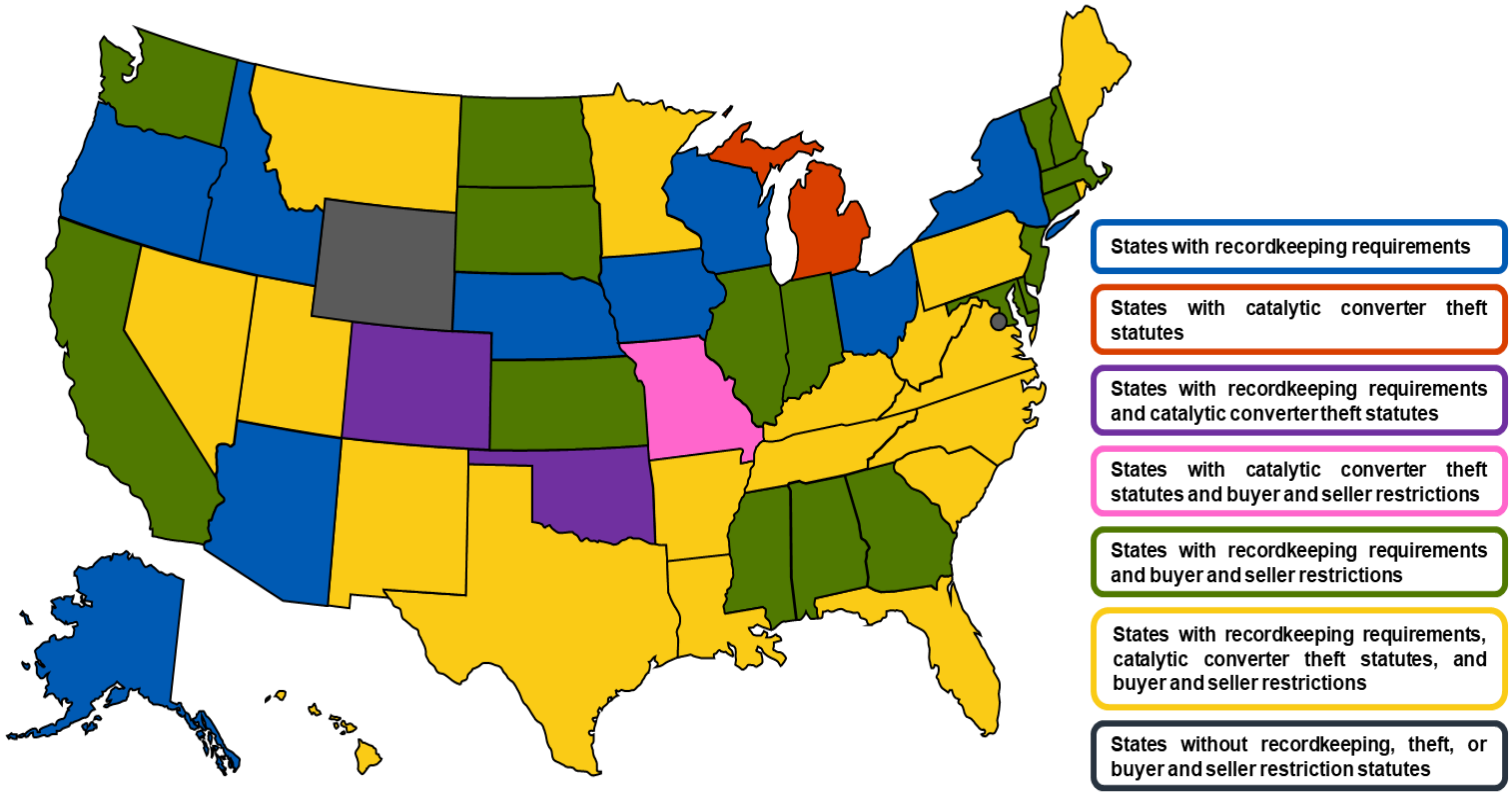
Around 2:52 a.m. on Oct. 8, police responded to the 9400 block of Windy Cove Court on reports of a shooting. Once on scene, they found a man who had been shot. Police and EMS rendered aid and took him to the hospital, where police say he is in critical condition.

Henrico Police confirmed this shooting happened in relation to a catalytic converter theft. The victim of the shooting was also the victim of having his converter stolen and was shot in the process.

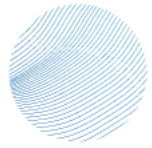


# State Policy Responses

## Catalytic Converter Statutes Breakdown



YEAR	INTRODUCED	ENACTED
2018	0	0
2019	1	0
2020	12	0
2021	64	11
2022	123	24
<b>2023</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>25</b>



# NCOIL Model Overview

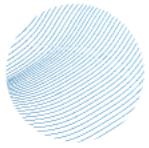
New Criminal  
Statutes

Buyer  
Limitations

Seller  
Restrictions

VIN Etching  
Grant Program





# Success Story – Public Safety

- Hawaii enacted SB 2279 in June 2022
- Established felony offense for catalytic converter theft
- Established recordkeeping requirements and other regulations
- As of 2023, the Honolulu Police Department reported **119** thefts compared to **1,602** in 2022 and **2,008** in 2021

## LOCAL NEWS

# Catalytic converter theft drops dramatically with new law

by: [Manolo Morales](#)

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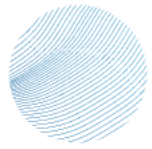


HONOLULU (KHON2) — Catalytic converter theft has gone down dramatically. Officials said a new law that took effect this year makes it a lot harder to sell the precious metals.

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The owner of Yamas Auto Care is seeing what everybody in his line of work has also noticed. They're not getting a lot of customers in need of a new catalytic converter.

| [Focus on selling catalytic converters reduces theft](#) >



# Success Story - Insurers

- **\$50 million** in paid claims first 6-months of 2022
  - 23,570 catalytic converter theft claims
- **\$41.7 million** in first 6-months of 2023
  - 14,500 claims
- Reduction attributed to **state legislation, law enforcement efforts, declining metals prices, and media coverage**

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## State Farm reports dramatic drop in catalytic converter theft claims

Insurance giant attributes decline in catalytic converter theft claims to several factors

By Breck Dumas | FOXBusiness |



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<b>DOW JONES AVERAGES</b> (I:DJ)	
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<b>S&amp;P 500</b> (SP500)	
<b>4,362.69</b>	
▲ 4.35 (+0.10%)	

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