

Senate Engrossed

study committee; scrap metal theft

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SENATE BILL 1450

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE ON SCRAP METAL THEFT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Study committee on scrap metal theft; membership
3 duties; report; delayed repeal

4 A. The study committee on scrap metal theft is established
5 consisting of the following members:

6 1. Two persons who are currently certified as peace officers
7 pursuant to title 41, chapter 12, article 8, Arizona Revised Statutes, and
8 who have experience in scrap metal theft in this state. The president of
9 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each
10 appoint one member.

11 2. Two persons who are currently registered as scrap metal dealers
12 pursuant to title 44, chapter 11, article 3.1, Arizona Revised Statutes.
13 The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
14 representatives shall each appoint one member.

15 3. Two members of the public who have been impacted by scrap metal
16 theft. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
17 representatives shall each appoint one member.

18 4. One person from the Maricopa county attorney's office who can
19 provide information on scrap metal theft prosecutions and who is appointed
20 by the Maricopa county attorney.

21 B. The study committee shall:

22 1. Examine whether title 44, chapter 11, article 3.1, Arizona
23 Revised Statutes, deters crime.

24 2. Evaluate the scrap metal industry's costs spent for complying
25 with title 44, chapter 11, article 3.1, Arizona Revised Statutes.

26 3. Review title 44, chapter 11, article 3.1, Arizona Revised
27 Statutes, and other related statutes to determine whether the existing
28 civil penalties and criminal fines adequately regulate the scrap metal
29 industry.

30 4. On or before December 1, 2025, submit a report of its findings
31 and recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and the
32 speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of this report
33 to the secretary of the state.

34 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31, 2025.