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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Vehicle Protection Product Act regulates vehicle protection product warrantors and associated vehicle protection products, which include vehicle protection devices, systems, or services that are installed on a vehicle, designed to prevent loss or damage to the vehicle, and include a written warranty.

This bill would revise the Vehicle Protection Product Act to expressly include catalytic converter marking products.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to consumer protection; to amend Section 8-33-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the requirements of the Vehicle Protection Product Act apply to catalytic converter marking products.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 8-33-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§8-33-2



29 As used in this chapter, the following words ~~shall~~ have  
30 the following meanings:

31 (1) ADMINISTRATOR. A third party other than the  
32 warrantor who is designated by the warrantor to be responsible  
33 for the administration of vehicle protection product  
34 warranties.

35 (2) COMMISSIONER. The Commissioner of the Department of  
36 Insurance.

37 (3) DEPARTMENT. The Department of Insurance.

38 (4) INCIDENTAL COSTS. Expenses specified in the  
39 warranty incurred by the warranty holder related to the  
40 failure of the vehicle protection product to perform as  
41 provided in the warranty. Incidental costs may include,  
42 without limitation, insurance policy deductibles, rental  
43 vehicle charges, the difference between the actual value of  
44 the stolen vehicle at the time of theft and the cost of a  
45 replacement vehicle, sales taxes, registration fees,  
46 transaction fees, and mechanical inspection fees.

47 (5) SERVICE CONTRACT. A contract or agreement as  
48 defined in ~~subdivision (13) of~~ Section 8-32-2.

49 (6) VEHICLE PROTECTION PRODUCT. a. A vehicle protection  
50 device, system, or service that is all of the following:

51 ~~a-1.~~ 1. Installed on or applied to a vehicle.

52 ~~b-2.~~ 2. Is designed to prevent loss or damage to a vehicle  
53 from a specific cause.

54 ~~e-3.~~ 3. Includes a written warranty.

55 b. For purposes of this chapter, the term vehicle  
56 protection product shall include, without limitation, alarm





85 the insured vehicle protection product warranties sold by the  
86 warrantor."

87 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
88 1, 2026.