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**2023 Wisconsin Act 166**  
[2023 Assembly Bill 637]

**Theft of a Catalytic Converter**

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 166

Under state law, it is a Class I felony to remove a “major part of a vehicle” without the consent of the owner. All of the following are considered a major part of a vehicle: the engine, transmission, doors, hood, grille, bumper, front fenders, deck lid, tailgate or hatchback, rear quarter panels, trunk floor pan, frame or supporting structure which serves as the frame, or any other part of the vehicle that has a value exceeding \$500. This act adds catalytic converters to the list of parts that are a major part of the vehicle.

**Effective date:** March 23, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature’s [bill history page](#).

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