

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2008 Legislative Session**

Legislative Day # 13

**BILL NO. 2008-17**

**Introduced by: Charles County Commissioners**

**SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS**

**Date introduced:** 09 / 17 / 08

**Public Hearing:** 10 / 28 / 08 @ 3:00 p.m.

**Commissioners Action:** 11 / 05 / 2008 Enact

**Commissioner Votes:** WC: Y, EP: Y, RC: Y, SNG: Y, GVH: Y

**Pass/Fail:** Pass

**Effective Date:** 12 / 20 / 2008

**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Bill No. 2008-17  
Chapter. No. 299  
Introduced by County Commissioners  
Date of Introduction September 17, 2008

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning  
2 SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS

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4 FOR the purpose of  
5 Establishing a mandatory records system that junk dealers and metal processors must  
6 adhere to when acquiring junk or scrap metal.

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8 BY adding:  
9 Chapter 299 – Scrap Metal Processors  
10 *Code of Charles County, Maryland*  
11 (xxxx Edition, xxxx Supplement)

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13 **SECTION 1.** BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
14 CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Charles County, Maryland read as  
15 follows:

16 **Chapter 299. SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS**

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18 **§ 299-1. DEFINITIONS**

19 IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

20 A. “AGENT” MEANS A PERSON WHO BUYS OR SELLS JUNK OR SCRAP METAL FOR  
21 A JUNK DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR.

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23 B. “ANTIQUÉ DEALER” MEANS A PERSON WHO DOES BUSINESS BUYING AND  
24 SELLING ANTIQUES.

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26 C. “ANTIQUES” MEANS OBJECTS MADE IN, OR TYPICAL OF, AN EARLIER PERIOD  
27 OF TIME, THAT EITHER HAVE SPECIAL VALUE BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE OR ARE

1           EXAMPLES OF WORKS OF ART OR HANDICRAFTS.

2           D. "JUNK" OR "SCRAP METAL" INCLUDES:

3                   (1) ARTICLES MADE WHOLLY OR PARTLY OF:

- 4                           (a) ALUMINUM;
- 5                           (b) BABBITT METAL;
- 6                           (c) BRASS;
- 7                           (d) BRONZE;
- 8                           (e) LIGHT COPPER;
- 9                           (f) HEAVY COPPER;
- 10                          (g) LEAD;
- 11                          (h) LOW CARBON CHROME;
- 12                          (i) LOW CARBON MANGANESE;
- 13                          (j) MOLYBDENUM;
- 14                          (k) MONEL METAL;
- 15                          (l) PEWTER;
- 16                          (m) NICKEL;
- 17                          (n) TIN;
- 18                          (o) VANADIUM; OR
- 19                          (p) ZINC;

20                   (2) STOVES;

21                   (3) PLUMBING FIXTURES AND SUPPLIES;

22                   (4) ELECTRICAL FIXTURES AND WIRING;

23                   (5) GAS FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES;

24                   (6) PIPES;

25                   (7) LOCKS;

26                   (8) USED RAILROAD EQUIPMENT;

27                   (9) USED FARM MACHINERY; AND

28                   (10) ANY OTHER SIMILAR USED MATERIAL.

29           E. "JUNK DEALER" OR "SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO DOES  
30           BUSINESS BUYING OR SELLING JUNK OR SCRAP METAL.

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32           **§ 299-2. ACCESS TO RECORDS**

1 A. EACH JUNK DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR WHO IS A RESIDENT OF  
2 CHARLES COUNTY OR WHO DOES BUSINESS AS A JUNK DEALER OR SCRAP  
3 METAL PROCESSOR IN CHARLES COUNTY SHALL KEEP A WRITTEN RECORD IN  
4 ENGLISH THAT;

5 (1) FOR EACH PURCHASE OF JUNK OR SCRAP METAL;

6 (a) IS MADE AT THE TIME OF THE PURCHASE; AND

7 (b) INCLUDES:

8 (i) A DESCRIPTION OF THE JUNK OR SCRAP METAL  
9 PURCHASED;

10 (ii) THE SELLER SHALL PROVIDE A DRIVER'S  
11 LICENSE OR OTHER GOVERNMENT-ISSUED  
12 CURRENT PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION  
13 INCLUDING THE SELLER'S FULL NAME, CURRENT  
14 ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY  
15 OR OTHER RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION NUMBER;  
16 AND THE SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR SHALL  
17 RECORD THE SELLER'S IDENTIFICATION  
18 INFORMATION PROVIDED; AND

19 (iii) THE LICENSE TAG NUMBER OF ANY VEHICLE  
20 USED; AND

21 (iv) THE DATE AND TIME OF THE PURCHASE; AND

22 (c) FOR EACH SALE OF JUNK OR SCRAP METAL, SHOWS THE  
23 NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE BUYER ;

24 (d) SCRAP METAL PROCESSORS SHALL NOT PURCHASE FROM  
25 ANY PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD.

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27 B. THE RECORDS SHALL BE OPEN TO INSPECTION BY STATE OR LOCAL LAW  
28 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL.

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30 C. A JUNK DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR MAY NOT BARTER, BUY,  
31 EXCHANGE, OR ACCEPT FROM A PERSON ANY JUNK OR SCRAP METAL UNLESS  
32 THE JUNK DEALER OR SCRAP METAL PROCESSOR KEEPS RECORDS AND MAKES  
33 ENTRIES IN THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART A OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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35 D. THE PROCESSOR SHALL FURNISH A REPORT OF ALL OF THE SCRAP METAL  
36 PROCESSOR'S PURCHASES, IF REQUESTED BY STATE OF LOCAL LAW  
37 ENFORCEMENT.

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**SECTION 2.** BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect [FORTY-FIVE (45)]  
calendar days after it becomes law.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

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ATTEST:

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Denise Ferguson, Clerk