SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4525

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 12, 2025

The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4525.

This bill establishes requirements for the receipt and purchase of scrap metals containing propulsion batteries.

Under the bill, a person delivering or selling scrap metal to a scrap metal business is required to disclose, in writing, whether the scrap metal contains a propulsion battery before the scrap metal business receives or purchases the scrap metal. The bill also requires a scrap metal business to inspect scrap metal before receipt or purchase to confirm that the scrap metal does not contain a propulsion battery if the disclosure made by the person delivering or selling the scrap metal indicates that the scrap metal does not contain such a battery.

Additionally, a scrap metal business is required to maintain, for at least five years and in a manner as may be prescribed by the Attorney General, a record of all propulsion battery disclosures for scrap metal received or purchased by the scrap metal business and a record of the inspection of scrap metal received or purchased by the scrap metal business if the disclosure made by the person delivering or selling the scrap metal indicates the scrap metal does not contain a propulsion battery.