SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 4528

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Commerce Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 4528.

This bill updates current statutes regulating scrap metal businesses by establishing certain safety measures to be followed by each business. A scrap metal business is to conduct a quarterly audit of records to be retained pursuant to current law and ensure that items that are prohibited are not on the premises of the business. Additionally, each business is to reduce the likelihood of a fire by, at a minimum: (1) installing and maintaining an on-site fire suppression system so that it can be remotely operated; and (2) employing or contracting with individuals who are trained in fire suppression. A scrap metal business is given five years to install the on-site fire suppression system.