



2022 Legislative Session Recap Report:

Advancing Public Policy for Independent Auto Dealers

Colorado Independent Automobile Dealers Association (CIADA) is committed to assisting dealers from the initial dealer application to becoming a dealer to provide ongoing education. CIADA is one of the oldest organizations of its types and represents over 1,000 dealers. A core element of this mission is our advocacy work, which includes leading the adoption and implementation of public policies that strengthen and support independent auto dealers in Colorado, as well as their customers.

Throughout Colorado's 2022 state legislative session, we worked closely with our lobby team, partner organizations and coalitions across the state to advocate for legislation that would bolster our dealer community.

As part of our advocacy work this legislative session, we:



Actively supported 5 bills at the State Capitol related to catalytic converter theft, weight slip documents, and driving while using mobile technology. We were the authors of 2 bills.



Provided committee testimony on behalf of CIADA's membership to support bills that aimed to prevent catalytic converter theft, and streamline the title process for dealers



CIADA was an active and leading voice in stakeholder conversations that aimed to prevent catalytic converter theft, increase the supply of catalytic converters, and eliminate weight slips for out of state vehicles.



Engaged in direct lobbying to influence legislators. Thank you to all MEMBERS who participated in testimony and outreach to your legislators!

Here's how our primary legislative priorities fared by the end of session:

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1217, Catalytic Converter Records and Grant Program](#)

We joined a large coalition that was working on several bills that aimed to reduce the prevalence and occurrence of catalytic converter theft in the state, and to create penalties for those individuals that steal catalytic converters. This was one of the resulting bills. This bill requires the Colorado state patrol to develop an assessment report to identify the level of compliance by dealers, owners, keepers or proprietors of a junk shop, junk store, salvage yard, or other secondhand property (applicable facility) with commodity metal transaction reporting requirements. The bill requires the state patrol to develop an inspection form for authorities to use when inspecting applicable facilities for compliance with commodity metal transaction reporting requirements. The Governor has signed this bill into law.

- **PASSED:** [HB22-1388, Vehicle Registration and Certificate of Title](#)

We worked to support this bill later in the legislative session. The bill makes various changes to vehicle title and registration regulations, creates a new license plate, and expands a license plate reissuance requirement. The Governor has signed this bill into law.

- **PASSED:** [SB22-009, Recertification and Theft of Catalytic Converters](#)

We worked to support this bill, and this was one of our main focus areas of the legislative session. We worked to help draft the original version of this bill that would have addressed the supply chain issue, as well as the theft of catalytic converters. The supply chain aspect of the bill was amended out of the bill in the first Senate committee. In its most simple form, the bill creates new bases for crimes related to catalytic converters by stating that it is unlawful to install, sell, trade or advertise recycled and salvaged catalytic converters.

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- **PASSED:** [SB22-108, Altered Truck Weight Documents](#)

This was a CIADA led initiative that we worked directly with legislators to introduce and pass. The bill makes changes to registration requirements for certain heavy trucks by requiring that they obtain a weight slip only if they have been modified from their manufacturer specifications by more than 300 pounds. The Governor has signed this bill into law.

Other priorities this session included:

- **Aggressively advocated for the Governor's attention to the catalytic converter theft, and supply chain issue.** Beginning in the summer of 2020, and largely during the summer of 2021, CIADA and its lobby team worked with several legislators, the Attorney General's office, and the Polis Administration to bring attention to the rising theft of catalytic converters, and the lack of these parts on the market. CIADA aggressively worked to try to pass legislation to remedy both issues.

- **Monitored 12 additional bills related to electric vehicles, farm vehicles, license plates, late titling, and many more.** CIADA spent time meeting with legislators about various pieces of legislation in an advisory role.

PASSED: [SB22-123 Late Vehicle Titling and Registration Penalties](#), which exempts vehicle owners from any fines and fees related to improperly registering and titling their vehicles between January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2023,

PASSED: [HB22-1043, Motorcycle and Autocycle Definitions](#), which removes autocycle from the definition of a motorcycle and makes clarifying changes to the definition of an autocycle.

We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the business operations of independent auto dealers in Colorado, and to provide protections and streamlined processes for their customers. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to David Cardella, CEO at: dcardella@ciada.org