



1 (1) Any building, lot, or other premises that is used to  
2 store, destroy, dismantle, disassemble, or reassemble a  
3 motor vehicle or two or more motor vehicle parts that  
4 the person knows to have been stolen; or

5 (2) Any building lot, or other premises that is used to  
6 alter, conceal, disguise, or remove the vehicle  
7 identification number of at least one motor vehicle or  
8 two or more motor vehicle parts from at least one  
9 motor vehicle that the person knows to have been  
10 stolen.

11 "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, motorcycle,  
12 motorboat, or other motor-propelled vehicle.

13 "Vehicle identification number" means the number that the  
14 manufacturer or a governmental agency assigns to a motor vehicle  
15 for the purpose of identifying the motor vehicle or a major  
16 component part of the motor vehicle. Vehicle identification  
17 number includes any combination of numbers or letters.

18 **§708- Unlawful chop shop activity; prohibited conduct.**

19 A person commits the offense of unlawful chop shop activity if  
20 the person knowingly:

21 (a) Owns or operates a chop shop;



- 1 (b) Transports a stolen motor vehicle or two or more
- 2 stolen motor vehicle parts to or from a chop shop;
- 3 (c) Sells or transfers to, or purchases or receives from a
- 4 chop shop a stolen motor vehicle or two or more stolen
- 5 motor vehicle parts; or
- 6 (d) Conducts or participates in the conduct of the affairs
- 7 of any chop shop by:
  - 8 (A) Storing, destroying, dismantling, disassembling,
  - 9 or reassembling a stolen motor vehicle or two or
  - 10 more stolen motor vehicle parts; or
  - 11 (B) Altering, concealing, disguising, or removing the
  - 12 vehicle identification number of at least one
  - 13 stolen motor vehicle or two or more motor vehicle
  - 14 parts from at least one stolen motor vehicle.

15 **§708- Unlawful chop shop activity in the first degree.**

16 (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful chop shop  
17 activity in the first degree if the person commits unlawful chop  
18 shop activity and the total value of all stolen motor vehicles  
19 or stolen motor vehicle parts stored, transported, sold,  
20 transferred, purchased, received, destroyed, dismantled,  
21 disassembled, reassembled, or made unidentifiable by altering,  
22 concealing, disguising, or removing the vehicle identification



1 number of the vehicle or vehicle parts by the person is equal to  
2 or greater than \$100,000.

3 (2) Unlawful chop shop activity in the first degree is a  
4 class A felony.

5 **§708- Unlawful chop shop activity in the second degree.**

6 (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful chop shop  
7 activity in the second degree if the person commits unlawful  
8 chop shop activity and the total value of all stolen motor  
9 vehicles or stolen motor vehicle parts stored, transported,  
10 sold, transferred, purchased, received, destroyed, dismantled,  
11 disassembled, reassembled, or made unidentifiable by altering,  
12 concealing, disguising, or removing the vehicle identification  
13 number of the vehicle or vehicle parts by the person is less  
14 than \$100,000.

15 (2) Unlawful chop shop activity in the second degree is a  
16 class B felony.

17 **§708- Forfeiture of property connected with chop shop**  
18 **activity.** Any motor vehicle, motor vehicle part, tool,  
19 implement, or real property possessed or used in violation of  
20 this part, or any money obtained in violation of this part may  
21 be ordered forfeited to the State, subject to the requirements  
22 of chapter 712A."



1 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
3 begun before its effective date.

4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.  
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**Report Title:**

Unlawful Chop Shop Activity

**Description:**

Establishes criminal offenses of unlawful chop shop activity in the first and second degrees.

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