

(1) Any item may not exceed a cost value of \$25,
and

(2) An owner or other person may not receive
more than one item in connection with any one transaction.

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(b) A county or municipal corporation may not enact any local law, ordinance, or regulation regulating secondhand precious metals and gem dealers, and this subtitle [supercedes] SUPERSEDES and preempts all such existing laws, ordinances, or regulations.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland (as enacted by Chapter 526 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1980) read(s) as follows:

Article 64A - Merit System

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The following positions shall not be included in the classified service, namely: those held by officers elected by popular vote and officers whose appointment and election is provided by the Constitution, including deputy clerks provided for by the Constitution, Article 4, §§ 26 and 37; officers and employees of the General Assembly or of either house thereof; any register of wills, any clerk of court, any State's attorney; supervisors of assessments in the several counties and Baltimore City; the deputy and assistant attorneys general and all other attorneys employed in, or connected with, the State Law Department, except where a specific statutory provision includes any such person in the classified service; the general counsel and assistant general counsel of the Public Service Commission; with the exception of the Motor Vehicle Administrator, members of boards and commissions and all other persons holding positions by direct appointment from the Governor or from the Board of Public Works; all secretaries, chief clerks, and chief administrative officials of all State offices, boards, commissions, departments, and institutions as determined by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor; employees of or assigned to the executive mansion; members of the State Aviation Administration and toll facilities police forces, except that members of these forces shall be subject to the provisions of this article to the same extent that members of the Maryland State Police are so included, and members of the State Aviation Administration and toll facilities police forces shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the State budget; members of the police force and all employees of the police commissioner for the City of Baltimore and of the