

Approved May 10, 2005.

---

**CHAPTER 379**

**(House Bill 476)**

AN ACT concerning

**Howard County – Dealers – Precious Metal Objects – Electronic Transfer of Records**

**Ho. Co. 11-05**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain dealers in Howard County to submit certain records to certain law enforcement units by submitting a copy of the records electronically in a certain manner; and generally relating to the transfer of records of dealers of precious metal objects in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section 12-304

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Business Regulation**

12-304.

(a) (1) A dealer shall submit a copy of each record to the primary law enforcement unit in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) If the dealer transacts business in accordance with § 12-206(b) of this title, the dealer also shall submit a copy of the records to the local law enforcement unit in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(3) On the request of a dealer, the Secretary shall provide to the dealer a list of local law enforcement units.

(4) The Secretary shall encourage dealers and local law enforcement units to develop a system for transmitting records electronically.

(b) (1) **[The]** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE dealer shall submit the records by one of the following methods:

**[(1)](I)** by delivering or mailing a copy of the records by the end of the next business day after the day on which the item was acquired; or