

CHAPTER 502

(Senate Bill 33)

AN ACT concerning

Pawnbrokers Dealers - Release of Certain Items

FOR the purpose of requiring secondhand precious metals dealers and pawnbrokers to release certain stolen items,--upon demand, to the appropriate law enforcement agencies agency agencies in--a-certain-county under specific circumstances; requiring law enforcement agencies to release stolen items to the actual owners when there is no longer any evidentiary need for the items; providing that secondhand precious metals dealers and pawnbrokers releasing items under this Act may---not are not entitled to receive certain reimbursement; providing that secondhand precious metal dealers and pawnbrokers and law enforcement agencies acting in good faith under this Act are immune from civil action; and providing for the applicability of this Act.

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 424A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 425(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

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

Article 56 - Licenses

424A.

(A) A PAWNBROKER DEALER SHALL RELEASE TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF-THE-DEALER DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS IS LOCATED ANY ITEM OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OR OTHER VALUABLE THING LOCATED IN THE PAWNSHOP ESTABLISHMENT--OF--THE--DEALER DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS, OTHER THAN SECURITIES OR PRINTED EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, IF THE ITEM HAS BEEN:

(1) ESTABLISHED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN WITHIN---THE BOUNDARIES-OF-THIS-STATE; AND