CHAPTER 774

(House Bill 9)

AN ACT concerning

Secondhand Precious Metals and Gem Dealers and Pawnbrokers - Employees - Exemptions for Retail Jewelers

FOR the purpose of defining the term "employee" as it applies to employees of certain dealers and pawnbrokers; providing for certain fees and investigations; exempting certain transactions involving retail jewelers from the secondhand precious metals and gem dealers and pawnbrokers law under certain circumstances; requiring retail jewelers to permit any law enforcement officer to enter certain premises under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; providing a certain effective date; and generally relating to certain employees of secondhand precious metals and gem dealers and pawnbrokers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 56 - Licenses Section 416, 417, 418(d), and 419 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article 56 - Licenses
Section 417A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

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

Article 56 - Licenses

416.

- (a) In this subtitle, the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (B) "RETAIL JEWELER" MEANS A BONA FIDE RETAIL JEWELER WITH A FIXED BUSINESS ADDRESS IN THIS STATE.
 - (b) (C) "County" means a county or Baltimore City.