

CHAPTER 357

(Senate Bill 844)

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County – Regulation of Pawnbrokers and Secondhand ~~Precious Metal Object~~ Dealers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County by ordinance to license and regulate pawnbrokers and secondhand ~~precious metal object~~ dealers for certain purposes; authorizing the County Commissioners to adopt certain ordinances; and generally relating to the regulation of pawnbrokers and secondhand ~~precious metal object~~ dealers in Carroll County.

BY adding to

The Public Local Laws of Carroll County

Section 6–105

Article 7 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(2004 Edition and September 2006 Supplement, as amended)

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

Article 7 – Carroll County

6–105.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “SECONDHAND DEALER” DOES NOT INCLUDE SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS REGULATED UNDER TITLE 12 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

(B) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BY ORDINANCE MAY LICENSE AND REGULATE PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND ~~PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT~~ DEALERS TO IDENTIFY STOLEN PROPERTY, TO PREVENT THE DISPOSITION OF STOLEN PROPERTY, AND TO RETURN STOLEN PROPERTY TO ITS OWNERS.

~~(B)~~ (C) SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT ORDINANCES TO:

- (1) ESTABLISH RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS;**
- (2) ESTABLISH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;**
- (3) SET FEES;**
- (4) ESTABLISH HOLDING PERIODS;**
- (5) ESTABLISH METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT;**
- (6) SET CIVIL PENALTIES;**
- (7) DEFINE TERMS; AND**
- (8) REGULATE PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND ~~PRECIOUS METAL-OBJECT~~ DEALERS AS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.