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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TESTIMONY ON HB1191

TO: House Economic Matters Committee
FROM: Maryland Department of Labor
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BILL: HB1191 Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers - Temporary Event-Based Dealer Limited License - Establishment

MD LABOR POSITION: Favorable With Amendments

The Maryland Department of Labor respectfully submits this letter regarding House Bill 1191.

House Bill 1191 establishes a limited license for temporary event-based dealers of secondhand precious metal objects, allowing individuals without a fixed Maryland business address to conduct business at discrete events hosted at the locations of licensed dealers. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Labor to issue limited licenses and applies existing recordkeeping, inspection, and enforcement requirements to these licensees.

The Department is comfortable with the overall framework of the bill with the adoption of several technical amendments proposed by MD Labor. These amendments clarify responsibilities between licensed dealers and limited licensees, ensure clear identification of the licensed dealer responsible for preparing and submitting required transaction records, and ensure existing statutory provisions apply consistently when dealers accept items from limited licensees.

These amendments are technical in nature and are intended to improve clarity and enforceability while preserving the sponsor's intent. With these amendments, MD Labor believes the bill establishes a workable regulatory framework for temporary event-based dealers while maintaining appropriate oversight and accountability.

The Department looks forward to continuing to work with the sponsor and the Committee as House Bill 1191 moves through the legislative process.

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