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AN ACT concerning pawnbrokers.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Pawnbroker Regulation Act is amended by5 changing Section 11 as follows:

6 (205 ILCS 510/11) (from Ch. 17, par. 4661)

11. Violations<u>; penalties</u>. 7 Every person who Sec. 8 knowingly violates the provisions of this Act shall, for the first offense, be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor, and for 9 each subsequent offense shall be guilty of a Class A 10 misdemeanor, except that a person who knowingly violates this 11 Act by operating a pawnshop without a license shall be guilty 12 13 of a Class B misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. 14 This Act shall not be construed as to, in any wise, 15 impair 16 the power of cities or villages in this State to license, tax, regulate except as to fee amounts, suppress, and 17 18 prohibit pawnbrokers as now provided by law.

19 (Source: P.A. 92-215, eff. 8-2-01.)