

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Pawnbroker Regulation Act is amended by
5 adding Section 20 as follows:

6 (205 ILCS 510/20 new)

7 Sec. 20. Precious Metal Purchasers Task Force.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds:

9 (1) There has been, and continues to be, a significant
10 expansion in the volume of precious metals and jewelry sold
11 through pawnbrokers, auction services, for-profit
12 consignment sellers, and other resellers.

13 (2) There has been, and continues to be, a similar
14 increase in the volume of stolen precious metals and
15 jewelry.

16 (3) Access by law enforcement to sales-related
17 information generated by pawnbrokers, auction services,
18 for-profit consignment sellers, and other resellers has
19 always been an important tool in combating burglary,
20 robbery, theft, and other crimes directed at personal
21 property.

22 (4) Recent advances in electronic data collection and
23 compilation have greatly simplified both the reporting of

1 sales-related information by pawnbrokers, auction
2 services, for-profit consignment sellers, and other
3 resellers.

4 (5) Law enforcement agencies, pawnbrokers, auction
5 services, for-profit consignment sellers, resellers, and
6 information technology-related businesses in several
7 states have created differing systems to provide law
8 enforcement with timely access to sales-related
9 information.

10 (b) There is hereby created the Precious Metal Purchasers
11 Task Force, consisting of members appointed as follows:

12 (1) two members from the Senate, one appointed by the
13 Senate President and one appointed by the Minority Leader;

14 (2) two members from the House of Representatives, one
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House and one appointed by
16 the Minority Leader;

17 (3) one member appointed by the Governor as chairperson
18 of the task force;

19 (4) one member appointed by the Secretary of State;

20 (5) one member appointed by the Attorney General;

21 (6) one member appointed by the Secretary of Financial
22 and Professional Regulation from the Department of
23 Financial and Professional Regulation;

24 (7) one member appointed by the Director of State
25 Police from the Department of State Police;

26 (8) one member from a statewide organization

1 representing the Chiefs of Police appointed by the
2 Governor;

3 (9) one member recommended by the Illinois Municipal
4 League and appointed by the Governor;

5 (10) one member representing the interests of
6 pawnbrokers appointed by the Governor;

7 (11) one member representing the interests of
8 for-profit consignment shops appointed by the Governor;

9 (12) one member representing the interests of the
10 insurance industry with a strong vested interest in
11 stopping theft and recovering stolen goods appointed by the
12 Governor;

13 (13) two members representing the interests of the
14 general public appointed by the Governor;

15 (14) one member representing the interests of the scrap
16 recycling industry appointed by the Governor; and

17 (15) one member of a statewide association exclusively
18 representing retailers appointed by the Governor.

19 All members appointed under this Section shall serve
20 without compensation, and may be reimbursed for their
21 reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated from
22 the Pawnbroker Regulation Fund.

23 (c) The task force shall study the various systems,
24 technologies, and methods of operation for providing law
25 enforcement with the timely access to information relating to
26 the sales of precious metals and jewelry by pawnbrokers,

1 auction sellers, for-profit consignment sellers, resellers,
2 and other persons or entities as it may deem fit, including,
3 but not limited to, providers of technology and services
4 relating to the collection, compilation, storage, and access to
5 such information.

6 (d) The Department of Financial and Professional
7 Regulation shall provide any necessary administrative and
8 other support to the task force.

9 (e) On or before December 31, 2013, the task force shall
10 file and present a report to the General Assembly concerning
11 its recommendations regarding the systems and technologies,
12 together with their usage and potential funding mechanisms and
13 sources, to be implemented to create a statewide system for the
14 collection of information of the sales of precious metals and
15 jewelry by pawnbrokers, auction services, for-profit
16 consignment sellers, and other resellers, and for the
17 compilation, storage, and timely access to that information by
18 law enforcement and shall include proposed legislation to
19 implement its recommendations, if needed.

20 (f) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2014.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.