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An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HARRINGTON of Sanford.

Cosponsored by Representatives: DeVEAU of Caribou, MASTRACCIO of Sanford, PICKETT of Dixfield.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3962, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 59, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **3. List filed with law enforcement agency and regional tracking system.** ~~Before~~
5 ~~the 15th day of every month, the~~ Within 10 days of a transaction, a pawnbroker shall file
6 with the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and submit to a regional property and
7 recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization
8 recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, in a form
9 acceptable to that agency the recipient, a summary report of the pawn transactions entered
10 into during the preceding calendar month: transaction, including:

11 A. The name and address of the pawnbroker;

12 B. The date and time of the transaction;

13 C. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying
14 number on the written proof of identification required under section 3971 of the
15 consumer or seller; and

16 D. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of
17 the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or
18 purchase price given for the item.

19 In addition to the provisions of subsection 4, a violation of this subsection is a Class E
20 crime.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 Current law requires pawnbrokers to provide before the 15th day of every month to
23 the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction a summary of the pawn transactions entered
24 into during the preceding month. This bill requires pawnbrokers within 10 days of a
25 pawn transaction to submit a report of the transaction to the law enforcement agency of
26 jurisdiction and to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a
27 regional law enforcement agency, currently the Regional Information Sharing Systems
28 Program administered by the New England State Police Information Network, listing
29 information concerning the consumer or seller in the transaction and of every item
30 pawned or sold in the transaction. This bill makes a violation of the reporting
31 requirements a Class E crime.