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Introduced by Sen. YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the purchase of second-hand precious metals

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 391-s to read as follows:

S 391-S. SECOND-HAND PRECIOUS METALS; RECORDS. 1. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

(A) "DEALER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON WHO, IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS, DEALS IN THE PURCHASE OF SECOND-HAND ARTICLES OR THINGS COMPRISED OF GOLD, SILVER OR PLATINUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESALE, MELTING OR REFINING, AND SHALL INCLUDE COLLATERAL LOAN BROKERS.

(B) "SELLER" SHALL MEAN ANY PERSON WHO SELLS ANY SECOND-HAND ARTICLE OR THING COMPRISED OF GOLD, SILVER OR PLATINUM.

2. NO DEALER SHALL TAKE POSSESSION OF AND PROVIDE CONSIDERATION FOR ANY SECOND-HAND ITEM COMPRISED OF GOLD, SILVER OR PLATINUM FROM A SELLER WITHOUT CONFIRMING THE IDENTITY OF SUCH SELLER UPON PRESENTATION OF TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION. THE DEALER SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF EACH SECOND-HAND ITEM COMPRISED OF GOLD, SILVER OR PLATINUM HE OR SHE TAKES POSSESSION OF, AND SUCH RECORD SHALL INCLUDE A COPY OF THE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION PRESENTED BY THE SELLER AND A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS AT WHICH THE SELLER MAY BE CONTACTED. ALL SUCH RECORDS SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE DEALER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS, AND SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

3. UPON TAKING POSSESSION OF ANY SECOND-HAND ITEM COMPRISED OF GOLD, SILVER OR PLATINUM, A DEALER SHALL RETAIN POSSESSION OF SUCH ITEM FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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