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2	An act relating to secondhand dealers; amending
3	s. 538.03, F.S.; revising definitions; revising
4	the applicability of ch. 538, F.S.; exempting
5	persons or entities offering secondhand goods
б	or personal property for sale, purchase,
7	consignment, or trade via the Internet from the
8	provisions of ch. 538, F.S., under certain
9	circumstances; exempting certain businesses
10	that sell, rent, or trade motion picture videos
11	or video games from ch. 538, F.S.; amending s.
12	538.04, F.S.; revising recordkeeping
13	requirements for secondhand dealers; providing
14	penalties for knowingly giving false
15	verification of ownership or a false or altered
16	identification, and for receiving money from a
17	secondhand dealer for goods sold, consigned, or
18	traded if the value of the money received is
19	less than \$300, and if the value of the money
20	received is \$300 or more; providing for the
21	electronic transfer of secondhand dealer
22	transactions under specified circumstances;
23	authorizing appropriate law enforcement
24	agencies to provide a secondhand dealer with a
25	computer and other equipment necessary to
26	electronically transfer secondhand dealer
27	transactions; providing procedures with respect
28	to the electronic transfer of secondhand dealer
29	transactions; amending s. 538.05, F.S.;
30	revising provisions relating to the inspection
31	of records and premises of secondhand dealers;

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1	amending s. 538.06, F.S.; revising provisions
2	with respect to the holding of goods upon
3	probable cause that the goods are stolen;
4	providing for payment of restitution,
5	attorney's fees, and costs to a secondhand
6	dealer under specified circumstances;
7	increasing the time limit for maintenance of
8	transaction records by dealers in secondhand
9	property; amending s. 538.07, F.S.; revising
10	provisions relating to restitution for stolen
11	property recovered from a secondhand dealer;
12	amending s. 538.09, F.S.; revising provisions
13	with respect to registration as a secondhand
14	dealer; revising conditions under which
15	registration may be denied, revoked,
16	restricted, or suspended by the Department of
17	Revenue; repealing s. 538.16, F.S., relating to
18	disposal of property by secondhand dealers;
19	amending s. 516.02, F.S.; removing
20	cross-references; reenacting s. 790.335(3)(f),
21	F.S., which provides a second-degree-felony
22	penalty for any secondhand dealer who contracts
23	with a specified third-party provider or
24	electronically transmits certain records of
25	firearms transactions to any third-party
26	provider; providing an effective date.
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28	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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30	Section 1. Section 538.03, Florida Statutes, is
31	amended to read:

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538.03 Definitions; applicability.--1 2 (1) As used in this part, the term: 3 (a) "Secondhand dealer" means any person, corporation, 4 or other business organization or entity which is not a secondary metals recycler subject to part II and which is 5 engaged in the business of purchasing, consigning, or trading б 7 pawning secondhand goods. However, secondhand dealers are not 8 limited to dealing only in items defined as secondhand goods 9 in paragraph (g). Except as provided in subsection (2), the term means pawnbrokers, jewelers, precious metals dealers, 10 garage sale operators, secondhand stores, and consignment 11 12 shops. 13 (b) "Precious metals dealer" means a secondhand dealer 14 who normally or regularly engages in the business of buying used precious metals for resale. The term does not include 15 those persons involved in the bulk sale of precious metals 16 from one secondhand or precious metals dealer to another. 17 18 (c) "Pawnbroker" means any person, corporation, or 19 other business organization or entity which is regularly engaged in the business of making pawns but does not include a 20 financial institution as defined in s. 655.005 or any person 21 22 who regularly loans money or any other thing of value on 23 stocks, bonds, or other securities. 24 (d) "Pawn" means either of the following transactions: 1. Loan of money. A written or oral bailment of 25 26 personal property as security for an engagement or debt, redeemable on certain terms and with the implied power of sale 27 28 on default. 29 2. Buy sell agreement. An agreement whereby a 30 purchaser agrees to hold property for a specified period of 31

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time to allow the seller the exclusive right to repurchase the 1 2 property. A buy sell agreement is not a loan of money. 3 (c)(e) "Secondhand store" means the place or premises at which a secondhand dealer is registered to conduct business 4 as a secondhand dealer $_{7}$ or conducts business, including pawn 5 б shops. 7 (d)(f) "Consignment shop" means a shop engaging in the 8 business of accepting for sale, on consignment, secondhand 9 goods which, having once been used or transferred from the manufacturer to the dealer, are then received into the 10 possession of a third party. 11 (e) "Acquire" means to obtain by purchase, 12 13 consignment, or trade. 14 (f)(g) "Secondhand goods" means personal property previously owned or used, which is not regulated metals 15 property regulated under part II and which is purchased, 16 17 consigned, or traded pawned as used property. Such secondhand 18 goods do not include office furniture, pianos, books, 19 clothing, organs, coins, motor vehicles, costume jewelry, and secondhand sports equipment that is not permanently labeled 20 with a serial number. For purposes of this paragraph, 21 22 "secondhand sports equipment" does not include golf clubs. 23 shall be limited to watches; diamonds, gems, and other 24 precious stones; fishing rods, reels, and tackle; audio and 25 video electronic equipment, including television sets, compact disc players, radios, amplifiers, receivers, turntables, tape 26 27 recorders; video tape recorders; speakers and citizens' band 28 radios; computer equipment; radar detectors; depth finders; 29 trolling motors; outboard motors; sterling silver flatware and 30 serving pieces; photographic equipment, including cameras, video and film cameras, lenses, electronic flashes, tripods, 31

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and developing equipment; microwave ovens; animal fur coats; 1 2 marine equipment; video games and cartridges; power lawn and landscape equipment; office equipment such as copiers, fax 3 4 machines, and postage machines but excluding furniture; sports equipment; golf clubs; weapons, including knives, swords, and 5 air quns; telephones, including cellular and portable; б 7 firearms; tools; calculators; musical instruments, excluding 8 pianos and organs; lawnmowers; bicycles; typewriters; motor vehicles; gold, silver, platinum, and other precious metals 9 excluding coins; and jewelry, excluding costume jewelry. 10 (q)(h) "Transaction" means any purchase, consignment, 11 or trade pawn of secondhand goods by a secondhand dealer. 12 13 (h) (i) "Precious metals" means any item containing any 14 gold, silver, or platinum, or any combination thereof, excluding+ 15 1. any chemical or any automotive, photographic, 16 electrical, medical, or dental materials or electronic parts. 17 18 2. Any coin with an intrinsic value less than its 19 numismatic value. 3. Any gold bullion coin. 20 4. Any gold, silver, or platinum bullion that has been 21 22 assayed and is properly marked as to its weight and fineness. 23 Any coin which is mounted in a jewelry setting. 5. 24 (i) (i) (i) "Department" means the Department of Revenue. (k) "Pledge" means pawn or buy sell agreement. 25 (2) This chapter does not apply to: 26 27 (a) Any secondhand goods transaction involving an 28 organization or entity registered with the state as a 29 nonprofit, religious, or charitable organization or any school-sponsored association or organization other than a 30 31

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secondary metals recycler subject to the provisions of part 1 2 II. 3 (b) A law enforcement officer acting in an official 4 capacity. 5 (c) A trustee in bankruptcy, executor, administrator, or receiver who has presented proof of such status to the б 7 secondhand dealer. 8 (d) Any public official acting under judicial process 9 or authority who has presented proof of such status to the secondhand dealer. 10 (e) A sale on the execution, or by virtue of any 11 process issued by a court, if proof thereof has been presented 12 13 to the secondhand dealer. 14 (f) Any garage sale operator who holds garage sales less than 10 weekends per year. 15 (g) Any person at antique, coin, or collectible shows 16 or sales. 17 18 (h) Any person who sells household personal property 19 as an agent for the property owner or their representative pursuant to a written agreement at that person's residence. 20 (i) The purchase, consignment, or trade pawn of 21 22 secondhand goods from one secondhand dealer to another 23 secondhand dealer when the selling secondhand dealer has 24 complied with the requirements of this chapter. (j) Any person accepting a secondhand good as a 25 trade-in for a similar item of greater value. 26 (k) Any person purchasing, consigning, or trading 27 28 pawning secondhand goods at a flea market regardless of 29 whether at a temporary or permanent business location at the flea market. 30 31 (1) Any auction business as defined in s. 468.382(1).

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1	(m) Any business that is registered with the
2	Department of Revenue for sales tax purposes as an antique
3	dealer pursuant to chapter 212 and that purchases secondhand
4	goods from the property owner or her or his representative at
5	the property owner's residence pursuant to a written agreement
б	that states the name, address, and telephone number of the
7	property owner and the type of property purchased.
8	(n) <u>A business that contracts with other persons or</u>
9	entities to offer its secondhand goods for sale, purchase,
10	consignment, or trade via an Internet website, and that
11	maintains a shop, store, or other business premises for this
12	purpose, if all of the following apply:
13	1. The secondhand goods must be available on the
14	website for viewing by the public at no charge;
15	2. The records of the sale, purchase, consignment, or
16	trade must be maintained for at least 2 years;
17	3. The records of the sale, purchase, consignment, or
18	trade, and the description of the secondhand goods as listed
19	on the website, must contain the serial number of each item,
20	<u>if any;</u>
21	4. The secondhand goods listed on the website must be
22	searchable based upon the state or zip code;
23	5. The business must provide the appropriate law
24	enforcement agency with the name or names under which it
25	conducts business on the website;
26	6. The business must allow the appropriate law
27	enforcement agency to inspect its business premises at any
28	time during normal business hours;
29	7. Any payment by the business resulting from such a
30	sale, purchase, consignment, or trade must be made to the
31	person or entity with whom the business contracted to offer

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1	the goods and must be made by check or via a money transmitter
2	licensed under part II of chapter 560; and
3	8.a. At least 48 hours after the estimated time of
4	contracting to offer the secondhand goods, the business must
5	verify that any item having a serial number is not stolen
6	property by entering the serial number of the item into the
7	Department of Law Enforcement's stolen article database
8	located at the Florida Crime Information Center's public
9	access system website. The business shall record the date and
10	time of such verification on the contract covering the goods.
11	If such verification reveals that an item is stolen property,
12	the business shall immediately remove the item from any
13	website on which it is being offered and notify the
14	appropriate law enforcement agency; or
15	b. The business must provide the appropriate law
16	enforcement agency with an electronic copy of the name,
17	address, phone number, driver's license number, and issuing
18	state of the person with whom the business contracted to offer
19	the goods, as well as an accurate description of the goods,
20	including make, model, serial number, and any other unique
21	identifying marks, numbers, names, or letters that may be on
22	an item, in a format agreed upon by the business and the
23	appropriate law enforcement agency. This information must be
24	provided to the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24
25	hours after entering into the contract unless other
26	arrangements are made between the business and the law
27	enforcement agency. Any person purchasing, consigning, or
28	pawning secondhand goods ordered by mail, computer assisted
29	shopping, media assisted, media facilitated, or
30	media solicited shopping or shopping by other means of media
31	communication, including, but not limited to, direct mail

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<pre>1 advertising, unsolicited distribution of catalogs, televisi 2 radio, or other electronic media, telephone, magazine, or 3 newspaper advertising, so long as such person is in this st 4 at the time of the order. 5</pre>	ate <u>al</u> <u>e</u>
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8 property of others for sale, purchase, consignment, or trad	
9 via an Internet website, when that person or entity does no	<u>t</u>
10 have, and is not required to have, a local occupational or	
11 <u>business license for this purpose.</u>	
12 (p) A business whose primary business is the sale,	
13 rental, or trade of motion picture videos or video games, i	<u>f</u>
14 the business:	
15 <u>1. Requires the sellers of secondhand goods to have</u>	<u>a</u>
16 <u>current account with the business;</u>	
17 <u>2. Has on file in a readily accessible format the</u>	
18 <u>name, current residential address, home and work telephone</u>	
19 <u>numbers, government-issued identification number, place of</u>	
20 employment, date of birth, gender, and right thumbprint of	
21 <u>each seller of secondhand goods;</u>	
22 <u>3. Purchases secondhand goods from the property own</u>	er
23 or his or her representative at the place of business pursu	<u>ant</u>
24 to an agreement in writing and signed by the property owner	
25 which describes the property purchased, states the date and	
26 <u>time of the purchase, and states that the seller is the law</u>	ful
27 <u>owner of the property;</u>	
28 <u>4. Retains such purchase agreements for not less th</u>	<u>an</u>
29 <u>1 year; and</u>	
30 <u>5. Pays for the purchased property in the form of a</u>	
31 store credit that is issued to the seller and is redeemable	

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solely by the seller or another authorized user of the 1 2 seller's account with that business. 3 (q) ((q)) A motor vehicle dealer as defined in s. 320.27. 4 (3) This part does not apply to secondary metals recyclers regulated under part II, except for s. 538.11, which 5 applies to both secondhand dealers and secondary metals б 7 recyclers. 8 Section 2. Section 538.04, Florida Statutes, is 9 amended to read: 538.04 Recordkeeping requirements; penalties .--10 (1) <u>Secondhand dealers shall complete a secondhand</u> 11 dealers transaction form at the time of the actual 12 13 transaction. A secondhand dealer shall maintain a copy of a 14 completed transaction form on the registered premises for at least 1 year after the date of the transaction. However, the 15 secondhand dealer shall maintain a copy of the transaction 16 form for not less than 3 years. Unless other arrangements have 17 been agreed upon by the secondhand dealer and the appropriate 18 19 law enforcement agency, the secondhand dealer shall, Secondhand dealers shall maintain records of all transactions 20 of secondhand goods on the premises. within 24 hours after of 21 the acquisition of any secondhand goods, by purchase or pledge 2.2 23 as security for a loan, a secondhand dealer shall deliver to 24 the police department of the municipality where the goods were acquired purchased or, if the goods were acquired purchased 25 outside of a municipality, to the sheriff's department of the 26 county where the goods were acquired purchased, a record of 27 28 the transaction on a form approved by the Department of Law 29 Enforcement. Such record shall contain: (a) The time, date, and place of the transaction. 30 31

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(b) A complete and accurate description of the goods 1 2 acquired, including the following information, if applicable: 3 any serial numbers, manufacturer's numbers, or other identifying marks or characteristics. 4 5 1. Brand name. б 2. Model number. 7 3. Manufacturer's serial number. <u>4. Size.</u> 8 9 5. Color, as apparent to the untrained eye. 6. Precious metal type, weight, and content if known. 10 11 7. Gemstone description, including the number of stones, if applicable. 12 13 8. In the case of firearms, the type of action, 14 caliber or gauge, number of barrels, barrel length, and finish. 15 9. Any other unique identifying marks, numbers, or 16 17 letters. 18 (c) A description of the person from whom the goods 19 were acquired, including: 1. Full name, current residential address, workplace, 20 and home and work phone numbers. 21 22 2. Height, weight, date of birth, race, gender, hair 23 color, eye color, and any other identifying marks. 24 3. The right thumbprint, free of smudges and smears, of the person from whom the goods were acquired. 25 (d) Any other information required by the form 26 approved by the Department of Law Enforcement. 27 28 (2) The secondhand dealer shall require verification 29 of the identification by the exhibition of a government-issued photographic identification card such as a driver's license or 30 31 military identification card. The record shall contain the

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type of identification exhibited, the issuing agency, and the 1 2 number thereon. 3 (3) The seller shall sign a statement verifying that 4 the seller is the rightful owner of the goods or is entitled to sell, consign, or trade pledge the goods. 5 (4) Any person who knowingly gives false verification б 7 of ownership or who gives a false or altered identification, 8 and who receives money from a secondhand dealer for goods 9 sold, consigned, or traded pledged commits: (a) If the value of the money received is less than 10 \$300, a felony misdemeanor of the third first degree, 11 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, or s. 775.083, or s. 12 13 775.084. 14 (b) If the value of the money received is \$300 or more, a felony of the second third degree, punishable as 15 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. 16 (5) Secondhand dealers are exempt from the provisions 17 18 of this section for all transactions involving secondhand 19 sports equipment except secondhand sports equipment that is permanently labeled with a serial number. 20 21 (6) If the appropriate law enforcement agency supplies 22 a secondhand dealer with appropriate software and the 23 secondhand dealer has computer capability, secondhand dealer 24 transactions shall be electronically transferred. If a secondhand dealer does not have computer capability, the 25 appropriate law enforcement agency may provide the secondhand 26 dealer with a computer and all necessary equipment for the 27 28 purpose of electronically transferring secondhand dealer 29 transactions. The appropriate law enforcement agency shall retain ownership of the computer, unless otherwise agreed 30 upon. The secondhand dealer shall maintain the computer in 31

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1	good working order, ordinary wear and tear excepted. If the
2	secondhand dealer transfers secondhand dealer transactions
3	electronically, the secondhand dealer is not required to also
4	deliver to the appropriate law enforcement agency the original
5	or copies of the secondhand transaction forms. For the purpose
б	of a criminal investigation, the appropriate law enforcement
7	agency may request that the secondhand dealer produce an
8	original of a transaction form that has been electronically
9	transferred. The secondhand dealer shall deliver this form to
10	the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24 hours after
11	the request.
12	(7) If the original transaction form is lost or
13	destroyed by the appropriate law enforcement agency, a copy
14	may be used by the secondhand dealer as evidence in court.
15	When an electronic image of a customer's identification is
16	accepted for a transaction, the secondhand dealer must
17	maintain the electronic image in order to meet the
18	recordkeeping requirements applicable to the original
19	transaction form. If a criminal investigation occurs, the
20	secondhand dealer shall, upon request, provide a clear and
21	legible copy of the image to the appropriate law enforcement
22	agency.
23	Section 3. Section 538.05, Florida Statutes, is
24	amended to read:
25	538.05 Inspection of records and premises of
26	secondhand dealers
27	(1) The <u>entire registered</u> premises and required
28	records of each secondhand dealer are subject to inspection
29	during regular business hours by <u>any law enforcement officer</u>
30	having jurisdiction the police department if the premises are
31	located within a municipality or, if located outside a

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municipality, by the sheriff's department of the county in 1 2 which the premises are located, and by any state law enforcement officer who has jurisdiction over the dealer. 3 4 (2) The inspection authorized by subsection (1) shall consist of an examination on the registered premises of the 5 inventory and required records to determine whether the б 7 records and inventory are being maintained on the registered 8 premises as required by s. 538.04 and whether the holding period required by s. 538.06 is being complied with. 9 Section 4. Section 538.06, Florida Statutes, is 10 11 amended to read: 538.06 Holding period.--12 13 (1) A secondhand dealer shall not sell, barter, 14 exchange, alter, adulterate, use, or in any way dispose of any secondhand goods within 15 calendar days of the date of 15 acquisition of the goods. Such holding periods are not 16 applicable when the person known by the secondhand dealer to 17 18 be the person from whom the goods were acquired desires to redeem, repurchase, or recover the goods, provided the dealer 19 can produce the record of the original transaction with 20 verification that the customer is the person from whom the 21 22 goods were originally acquired. 23 (2) A secondhand dealer must maintain actual physical 24 possession of all secondhand goods throughout a transaction. It is unlawful for a secondhand dealer to accept title or any 25 other form of security in secondhand goods in lieu of actual 26 physical possession. A secondhand dealer who accepts title or 27 28 any other form of security in secondhand goods in lieu of 29 actual physical possession commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 30 31

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1	(3) Upon probable cause that goods held by a
2	secondhand dealer are stolen, a law enforcement officer with
3	jurisdiction may place a 90-day written hold order on the
4	goods extend the holding period to a maximum of 60 days.
5	However, the <u>hold</u> holding period may be extended beyond <u>90</u> 60
6	days by a court of competent jurisdiction upon a finding of
7	probable cause that the property is stolen and further holding
8	is necessary for the purposes of trial or to safeguard such
9	property. The dealer shall assume all responsibility, civil or
10	criminal, relative to the property or evidence in question,
11	including responsibility for the actions of any employee with
12	respect thereto.
13	(4) While a hold order is in effect, the secondhand
14	dealer must, upon request, release the property subject to the
15	hold order to the custody of a law enforcement officer with
16	jurisdiction for use in a criminal investigation. The release
17	of the property to the custody of the law enforcement officer
18	is not considered a waiver or release of the secondhand
19	dealer's rights or interest in the property. Upon completion
20	of the criminal proceeding, the property must be returned to
21	the secondhand dealer unless the court orders other
22	disposition. When such other disposition is ordered, the court
23	shall additionally order the person from whom the secondhand
24	dealer acquired the property to pay restitution to the
25	secondhand dealer in the amount that the secondhand dealer
26	paid for the property together with reasonable attorney's fees
27	and costs.
28	(5)(4) All dealers in secondhand property regulated by
29	this chapter shall maintain transaction records for <u>3</u> $\frac{5}{2}$ years.
30	Section 5. Section 538.07, Florida Statutes, is
31	amended to read:

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1	538.07 Penalty for violation of chapter
2	(1) Except where otherwise provided herein, a person
3	who knowingly violates any provision of this chapter commits a
4	misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s.
5	775.082 and by a fine not to exceed \$10,000.
6	(2) When the lawful owner recovers stolen property
7	from a secondhand dealer and the person who sold or pledged
8	the stolen property to the secondhand dealer is convicted of
9	theft, a violation of this section, or dealing in stolen
10	property, the court shall order the defendant to make
11	restitution to the secondhand dealer <u>or the lawful owner, as</u>
12	applicable pursuant to s. 775.089.
13	Section 6. Section 538.09, Florida Statutes, is
14	amended to read:
15	538.09 Registration
16	(1) A secondhand dealer shall not engage in the
17	business of purchasing, consigning, or <u>trading</u> pawning
18	secondhand goods from any location without registering with
19	the Department of Revenue. A fee equal to the federal and
20	state costs for processing required fingerprints must be
21	submitted to the department with each application for
22	registration. One application is required for each dealer. If
23	a secondhand dealer is the owner of more than one secondhand
24	store location, the application must list each location, and
25	the department shall issue a duplicate registration for each
26	location. For purposes of subsections (4) and (5) of this
27	section, these duplicate registrations shall be deemed
28	individual registrations. A dealer shall pay a fee of \$6 per
29	location at the time of registration and an annual renewal fee
30	of \$6 per location on October 1 of each year. All fees
31	collected, less costs of administration, shall be transferred

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into a trust fund to be established and entitled the 1 2 Secondhand Dealer and Secondary Metals Recycler Clearing Trust 3 Fund. The Department of Revenue shall forward the full set of fingerprints to the Department of Law Enforcement for state 4 and federal processing, provided the federal service is 5 available, to be processed for any criminal justice б 7 information as defined in s. 943.045. The cost of processing 8 such fingerprints shall be payable to the Department of Law 9 Enforcement by the Department of Revenue. The department may issue a temporary registration to each location pending 10 completion of the background check by state and federal law 11 enforcement agencies, but shall revoke such temporary 12 13 registration if the completed background check reveals a 14 prohibited criminal background. An applicant for a secondhand dealer registration must be a natural person who has reached 15 the age of 18 years. 16 17 (a) If the applicant is a partnership, all the 18 partners must apply. (b) If the applicant is a joint venture, association, 19 or other noncorporate entity, all members of such joint 20 venture, association, or other noncorporate entity must make 21 application for registration as natural persons. 2.2 23 (c) If the applicant is a corporation, the 24 registration must include the name and address of such corporation's registered agent for service of process in the 25 state and a certified copy of statement from the Secretary of 26 State that the corporation is duly organized in the state or, 27 28 if the corporation is organized in a state other than Florida, 29 a certified copy of statement from the Secretary of State that the corporation is duly qualified to do business in this 30 31 state. If the dealer has more than one location, the

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application must list each location owned by the same legal 1 2 entity and the department shall issue a duplicate registration 3 for each location. (2) The secondhand dealer shall furnish with her or 4 his registration a complete set of her or his fingerprints, 5 certified by an authorized law enforcement officer, and a б 7 recent fullface photographic identification card of herself or 8 himself. The Department of Law Enforcement shall report its findings to the Department of Revenue within 30 days after the 9 date fingerprint cards are submitted for criminal justice 10 information. 11 (3) The secondhand dealer's registration shall be 12 13 conspicuously displayed at her or his registered location 14 principal place of business. A secondhand dealer must hold secondhand goods at the registered location until 15 days 15 after the secondhand transaction or until any extension of the 16 holding period has expired, whichever is later, and must 17 18 retain records of each transaction which is not specifically 19 exempted by this chapter. A secondhand dealer shall not dispose of property at any location until the holding period 20 has expired unless the transaction is specifically exempted by 21 22 this chapter. 23 (4) The department may impose a civil fine of up to \$10,000 for each violation of this section, which fine shall 24 be transferred into the General Revenue Fund. If the fine is 25 not paid within 60 days, the department may bring a civil 26 action under s. 120.69 to recover the fine. 27 28 (5) In addition to the fine provided in subsection 29 (4), registration under this section may be denied or any registration granted may be revoked, restricted, or suspended 30 31

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by the department if the department determines that the 1 2 applicant or registrant: 3 (a) Has violated any provision of this chapter or any 4 rule or order made pursuant to this chapter; 5 (b) Has made a material false statement in the application for registration; б 7 (c) Has been guilty of a fraudulent act in connection 8 with any purchase or sale or has been or is engaged in or is 9 about to engage in any practice, purchase, or sale which is fraudulent or in violation of the law; 10 (d) Has made a misrepresentation or false statement 11 to, or concealed any essential or material fact from, any 12 13 person in making any purchase or sale; 14 (e) Is making purchases or sales through any business associate not registered in compliance with the provisions of 15 this chapter; 16 (f) Has, within the preceding <u>10-year</u> 5 year period 17 18 for new registrants who apply for registration on or after October 1, 2006, been convicted of, or has entered a plea of 19 guilty or nolo contendere to, or had adjudication withheld 20 for, a crime against the laws of this state or any other state 21 22 or of the United States which relates to registration as a 23 secondhand dealer or which involves theft, larceny, dealing in 24 stolen property, receiving stolen property, burglary, embezzlement, obtaining property by false pretenses, 25 possession of altered property, any felony drug offense, any 26 violation of s. 812.015, or any fraudulent or dishonest 27 28 dealing; 29 (g) Has had a final judgment entered against her or him in a civil action upon grounds of fraud, embezzlement, 30 31 misrepresentation, or deceit; or

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(h) Has failed to pay any sales tax owed to the 1 2 Department of Revenue. 3 4 In the event the department determines to deny an application or revoke a registration, it shall enter a final order with 5 its findings on the register of secondhand dealers and their б 7 business associates, if any; and denial, suspension, or 8 revocation of the registration of a secondhand dealer shall also deny, suspend, or revoke the registration of such 9 secondhand dealer's business associates. 10 (6) Upon the request of a law enforcement official, 11 the Department of Revenue shall release to the official the 12 13 name and address of any secondhand dealer registered to do 14 business within the official's jurisdiction. Section 7. Section 538.16, Florida Statutes, is 15 16 <u>repealed.</u> Section 8. Subsection (4) of section 516.02, Florida 17 18 Statutes, is amended to read: 516.02 Loans; lines of credit; rate of interest; 19 license.--20 (4) This chapter does not apply to any person who does 21 business under, and as permitted by, any law of this state or 2.2 23 of the United States relating to banks, savings banks, trust 24 companies, building and loan associations, credit unions, or industrial loan and investment companies. This chapter also 25 26 does not apply to title loans as defined in s. 538.03(1)(i) or pawns as defined in s. 538.03(1)(d). A pawnbroker may not be 27 28 licensed to transact business under this chapter. 29 Section 9. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment to section 538.03, Florida Statutes, in a reference 30 31

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thereto, paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section 790.335, 1 2 Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read: 3 790.335 Prohibition of registration of firearms.--4 (3) EXCEPTIONS.--The provisions of this section shall not apply to: 5 6 (f) Firearm records, including paper pawn transaction 7 forms and contracts on firearm transactions, required by 8 chapters 538 and 539. 1. Electronic firearm records held pursuant to chapter 9 538 may only be kept by a secondhand dealer for 30 days after 10 the date of the purchase of the firearm by the secondhand 11 12 dealer. 13 2. Electronic firearm records held pursuant to chapter 14 539 may only be kept by a pawnbroker for 30 days after the expiration of the loan that is secured by a firearm or 30 days 15 after the date of purchase of a firearm, whichever is 16 17 applicable. 18 3. Except as required by federal law, any firearm records kept pursuant to chapter 538 or chapter 539 shall not, 19 at any time, be electronically transferred to any public or 20 private entity, agency, business, or enterprise, nor shall any 21 such records be copied or transferred for purposes of 2.2 23 accumulation of such records into lists, registries, or 24 databases. 4. Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., secondhand dealers 25 and pawnbrokers may electronically submit firearm transaction 26 records to the appropriate law enforcement agencies as 27 28 required by chapters 538 and 539; however, the law enforcement 29 agencies may not electronically submit such records to any other person or entity and must destroy such records within 60 30 31 days after receipt of such records.

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1 5. Notwithstanding subparagraph 3., secondhand dealers 2 and pawnbrokers may electronically submit limited firearms 3 records consisting solely of the manufacturer, model, serial 4 number, and caliber of pawned or purchased firearms to a 5 third-party private provider that is exclusively incorporated, exclusively owned, and exclusively operated in the United б 7 States and that restricts access to such information to only 8 appropriate law enforcement agencies for legitimate law 9 enforcement purposes. Such records must be destroyed within 30 days by the third-party provider. As a condition of receipt of 10 such records, the third-party provider must agree in writing 11 to comply with the requirements of this section. Any 12 13 pawnbroker or secondhand dealer who contracts with a 14 third-party provider other than as provided in this act or electronically transmits any records of firearms transactions 15 to any third-party provider other than the records 16 specifically allowed by this paragraph commits a felony of the 17 18 second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 19 Section 10. This act shall take effect October 1, 20 2006. 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

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