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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to statewide data sharing of  
secondhand dealer, secondary metals recycler, and  
pawnbroker transactions; amending ss. 538.04, 538.19,  
538.32, and 539.001, F.S.; requiring secondhand  
dealers, secondary metals recyclers, and pawnbrokers  
to transmit specified records to the Department of Law  
Enforcement for the purpose of statewide data sharing;  
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (1), (6), and (8) of section 538.04, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

538.04 Recordkeeping requirements; penalties.—

(1) A secondhand dealer shall complete a secondhand dealers transaction form at the time of the actual transaction. A secondhand dealer shall maintain a copy of a completed transaction form on the registered premises for at least 1 year after the date of the transaction. However, the secondhand dealer shall maintain a copy of the transaction form for not less than 3 years. Unless other arrangements are agreed upon by the secondhand dealer and the appropriate law enforcement official, the secondhand dealer shall, within 24 hours after acquiring any secondhand goods, deliver to such official and the

26     Department of Law Enforcement a record of the transaction on a  
27     form approved by the Department of Law Enforcement for the  
28     purpose of statewide data sharing. Such record must shall  
29     contain all of the following:

30         (a) The time, date, and place of the transaction.

31         (b) A complete and accurate description of the goods  
32     acquired, including the following information, if applicable:

33             1. Brand name.

34             2. Model number.

35             3. Manufacturer's serial number.

36             4. Size.

37             5. Color, as apparent to the untrained eye.

38             6. Precious metal type, weight, and content if known.

39             7. Gemstone description, including the number of stones,  
40     if applicable.

41             8. In the case of firearms, the type of action, caliber or  
42     gauge, number of barrels, barrel length, and finish.

43             9. Any other unique identifying marks, numbers, or  
44     letters.

45         (c) Digital photographs of the goods, clearly showing the  
46     items required to be included on the record as provided in  
47     paragraph (b).

48         (d) A description of the person from whom the goods were  
49     acquired, including:

50             1. Full name, current residential address, workplace, and

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51 home and work phone numbers.

52 2. Height, weight, date of birth, race, gender, hair  
53 color, eye color, and any other identifying marks.

54 3. The right thumbprint, free of smudges and smears, of  
55 the person from whom the goods were acquired.

56 (e) Any other information required by the form approved by  
57 the Department of Law Enforcement.

58 (6) If the appropriate law enforcement official supplies a  
59 secondhand dealer with appropriate software and the secondhand  
60 dealer has computer capability, the secondhand dealer must  
61 electronically transmit secondhand dealer transactions required  
62 by this section to such official and the Department of Law  
63 Enforcement for the purpose of statewide data sharing. If a  
64 secondhand dealer does not have computer capability, the  
65 appropriate law enforcement official may provide the secondhand  
66 dealer with a computer and all equipment necessary to  
67 electronically transmit secondhand dealer transactions. The  
68 appropriate law enforcement official shall retain ownership of  
69 the computer, unless otherwise agreed upon, and the secondhand  
70 dealer shall maintain the computer in good working order, except  
71 for ordinary wear. A secondhand dealer who transmits secondhand  
72 dealer transactions electronically is not required to also  
73 deliver the original or paper copies of the secondhand  
74 transaction forms to the appropriate law enforcement official or  
75 the Department of Law Enforcement. However, such official may,

76 for purposes of a criminal investigation, request the secondhand  
77 dealer to deliver the original transaction form that was  
78 electronically transmitted. The secondhand dealer shall deliver  
79 the form to the appropriate law enforcement official within 24  
80 hours after receipt of the request.

81 (8) When secondhand goods are purchased by means of an  
82 automated kiosk, the serial number reported pursuant to this  
83 section may be the International Mobile Station Equipment  
84 Identity (IMEI), the mobile equipment identifier (MEID), or  
85 another unique identifying number assigned to the device by the  
86 manufacturer. If the IMEI, MEID, or other unique identifying  
87 number is not available at the time of receipt or purchase, the  
88 report filed pursuant to this section must be updated with the  
89 IMEI, MEID, or other unique identifying number as soon as  
90 possible, but no later than 10 business days after the date of  
91 acquisition. If such identifying numbers are not available at  
92 the time of the transaction, the business must shall assign  
93 another unique identifier to the item which directly associates  
94 the item to the transaction that it was purchased in. Upon  
95 entering or updating any information on the transaction form, a  
96 law enforcement official, as designated by the sheriff or the  
97 chief of police of the jurisdiction in which the item was  
98 purchased, must be timely notified in writing or by electronic  
99 means, as required by the sheriff or chief of police of the  
100 jurisdiction. If, upon receiving the device and correcting the

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101 missing information, the company finds that the item was  
102 misappropriated or stolen, the appropriate law enforcement  
103 official and the Department of Law Enforcement must be notified.  
104 The holding requirements of ss. 538.06 and 538.09(3) do not  
105 begin until all required reports are complete and submitted to  
106 the appropriate law enforcement official and the Department of  
107 Law Enforcement.

108 **Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 538.19, Florida**

109 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

110 538.19 Records required; limitation of liability.—

111 (1) A secondary metals recycler shall maintain a legible  
112 paper record of all purchase transactions to which such  
113 secondary metals recycler is a party. A secondary metals  
114 recycler shall also maintain a legible electronic record, in the  
115 English language, of all such purchase transactions. The  
116 appropriate law enforcement official may provide data  
117 specifications regarding the electronic record format, but such  
118 format must be approved by the Department of Law Enforcement. An  
119 electronic record of a purchase transaction shall be  
120 electronically transmitted to the appropriate law enforcement  
121 official and the Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose  
122 of statewide data sharing no later than 10 a.m. of the business  
123 day following the date of the purchase transaction. The record  
124 transmitted to the appropriate law enforcement official and the  
125 Department of Law Enforcement must not contain the price paid

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126 for the items. A secondary metals recycler who transmits such  
127 records electronically is not required to also deliver the  
128 original or paper copies of the transaction forms to the  
129 appropriate law enforcement official or the Department of Law  
130 Enforcement. However, such official may, for purposes of a  
131 criminal investigation, request the secondary metals recycler to  
132 make available the original transaction form that was  
133 electronically transmitted. This original transaction form must  
134 include the price paid for the items. The secondary metals  
135 recycler shall make the form available to the appropriate law  
136 enforcement official within 24 hours after receipt of the  
137 request.

138 **Section 3. Subsections (3), (4), and (6) and paragraph (d)**  
139 **of subsection (7) of section 538.32, Florida Statutes, are**  
140 **amended to read:**

141 538.32 Registration, transaction, and recordkeeping  
142 requirements; penalties.—

143 (3) For every transaction, the secondhand dealer shall  
144 must keep a record of the following:

145 (a) A complete and accurate description of the seller's  
146 goods, including:

147 1. Precious metal type, or, if jewelry, the type of  
148 jewelry.

149 2. Any other unique identifying marks, numbers, or  
150 letters. The description must be in an electronic format agreed

151 upon by the dealer and the appropriate law enforcement agency.

152 (b) The date that the seller's goods were received by the  
153 mail-in secondhand precious metals dealer.

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155 This information must be provided to the appropriate law  
156 enforcement agency and the Department of Law Enforcement for the  
157 purpose of statewide data sharing within 24 hours after entering  
158 into the contract unless other arrangements are made between the  
159 business and the law enforcement agency.

160 (4) For every transaction, pictures of the secondhand  
161 goods which are the subject of the transaction must be available  
162 online for electronic viewing, via a website accessible by  
163 username and password only, by a law enforcement agency and the  
164 Department of Law Enforcement at no charge. In addition, the  
165 electronic files must be searchable by a law enforcement agency  
166 for queries concerning property descriptions, secondhand dealer  
167 transaction information, and the seller's personal  
168 identification, including address, state of residence, and zip  
169 code.

170 (6) The mail-in secondhand precious metals dealer shall  
171 must provide the appropriate law enforcement agency and the  
172 Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of statewide data  
173 sharing with an electronic copy of the name, address, phone  
174 number, driver license number, or government-issued  
175 identification number, and issuing state of the person from whom

176 the dealer purchased or acquired the precious metals or jewelry.

177 (7)

178 (d) Within 24 hours after the expiration of the 30-day  
179 hold period for the property, the secondhand dealer shall ~~must~~  
180 notify the appropriate law enforcement agency and the Department  
181 of Law Enforcement of the abandonment of the property by  
182 electronic transmission or by sending a copy of the completed  
183 form authorized by chapter 717 to the Department of Financial  
184 Services, Division of Unclaimed Property.

185 **Section 4. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of**  
186 **section 539.001, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

187 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.—

188 (9) RECORDKEEPING; REPORTING; HOLD PERIOD.—

189 (a) A pawnbroker shall ~~must~~ maintain a copy of each  
190 completed pawnbroker transaction form on the pawnshop premises  
191 for at least 1 year after the date of the transaction. On or  
192 before the end of each business day, the pawnbroker shall ~~must~~  
193 deliver to the appropriate law enforcement official and the  
194 Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of statewide data  
195 sharing the original printed pawnbroker transaction forms or  
196 printed copies of the digital pawnbroker transaction forms for  
197 each of the transactions occurring during the previous business  
198 day, unless other arrangements have been agreed upon between the  
199 pawnbroker and the appropriate law enforcement official. If an  
200 original printed transaction form is lost or destroyed by the

201 appropriate law enforcement official, a copy may be used by the  
202 pawnbroker as evidence in court. When an electronic image of a  
203 pledgor or seller identification is accepted for a transaction,  
204 the pawnbroker must maintain the electronic image in order to  
205 meet the same recordkeeping requirements as for the original  
206 printed transaction form. If a criminal investigation occurs,  
207 the pawnbroker must shall, upon request, provide a clear and  
208 legible copy of the image to the appropriate law enforcement  
209 official.

210 (b) If the appropriate law enforcement agency supplies the  
211 appropriate software and the pawnbroker presently has the  
212 computer ability, pawn transactions must shall be electronically  
213 transferred to the appropriate law enforcement official and the  
214 Department of Law Enforcement for the purpose of statewide data  
215 sharing. If a pawnbroker does not presently have the computer  
216 ability, the appropriate law enforcement agency may provide the  
217 pawnbroker with a computer and all necessary equipment for the  
218 purpose of electronically transferring pawn transactions. The  
219 appropriate law enforcement agency retains shall retain  
220 ownership of the computer, unless otherwise agreed upon. The  
221 pawnbroker shall maintain the computer in good working order,  
222 ordinary wear and tear excepted. In the event the pawnbroker  
223 transfers pawn transactions electronically, the pawnbroker is  
224 not required to also deliver to the appropriate law enforcement  
225 official or the Department of Law Enforcement the original or

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226 copies of the pawnbroker transaction forms. The appropriate law  
227 enforcement official may, for the purposes of a criminal  
228 investigation, request that the pawnbroker produce an original  
229 of a printed transaction form that has been electronically  
230 transferred. The pawnbroker shall deliver this form to the  
231 appropriate law enforcement official within 24 hours of the  
232 request.

233 **Section 5.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.