

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2015 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 4

Resolution No. 41 -2015

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION designating the Department of Police as the “primary law enforcement unit” for Howard County for the purpose of receiving records from secondhand precious metal dealers and pawnbrokers in accordance State Law.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2015.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2015.

By order _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted __, Adopted with amendments __, Failed __, Withdrawn __, by the County Council on _____, 2015.

Certified By _____
Jessica Feldmark, Administrator

Approved by the County Executive _____, 2015

Allan H. Kittleman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, Section 12.301 of the Business Regulations Article of the Annotated
2 Code of Maryland (the “State Law”), requires secondhand precious metal objects dealers
3 and pawnbrokers to keep an accurate record of transactions; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, Section 12.304 of the State Law further requires secondhand
6 precious metal objects dealers and pawnbrokers to submit, electronically, a copy of each
7 record to the “primary law enforcement unit” of the county in which the license of the
8 secondhand precious metal objects dealer or pawnbroker is held; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, Section 12.101 of the State Law defines “primary law enforcement
11 unit” as a “police department...as designated by a resolution of the county or municipal
12 governing body”; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, by passage of Council Resolution No. 100-2010, the Police
15 Department was designated as the primary law enforcement unit to receive records from
16 junk dealers or scrap metal processors in accordance with Section 17.1011 of the State
17 Law; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, similar to Council Resolution No. 100-2010, the Department of
20 Police should be designated as the primary law enforcement agency to receive records
21 from secondhand precious metal objects dealers and pawnbrokers.
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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard
24 County, Maryland this ____ day of _____, 2015 that the Howard County
25 Department of Police is hereby designated as the “primary law enforcement unit” for
26 Howard County for the purpose of receiving records from secondhand precious metal
27 objects dealers and pawnbrokers in accordance with Section 12.101 and Section 12-304
28 of the Business Regulations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.