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Subject: Testimony in Support of Scrap Metal Resolution
To: Lonnie Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, Department of Administration
Through: Gary L. Gardner, Chief of Police
From: Captain Daniel Coon
Date: March 16, 2015

The Department of Police supports Council Resolution No. -2015. This resolution designates the Howard County Department of Police as the primary law enforcement agency in the County responsible for receiving and maintaining records of secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers as mandated by Maryland Business Regulation Code Ann. § 12-101 (2014).

Senate Bill 99, passed by the Maryland General Assembly as emergency legislation effective on July 1, 2010, amends Maryland Business Regulation Code Ann. § 17-1003 to require a county's governing body to "designate by resolution the primary law enforcement unit to receive records in accordance with or municipal governing body to receive records in accordance with § 17-1011(b) of this subtitle." In addition to this requirement, law enforcement agencies are now required to have a secondary resolution executed that incorporates Maryland Title 12, which consists of:

BUSINESS REGULATION
TITLE 12. SECONDHAND PRECIOUS METAL OBJECT DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS
SUBTITLE 1. DEFINITIONS; GENERAL PROVISIONS

Md. BUSINESS REGULATION Code Ann. § 12-101 (2014)

(j) Primary law enforcement unit. -- "Primary law enforcement unit" means the Department of State Police, a police department, or sheriff, as designated by resolution of the county or municipal governing body in the county in which the license is held.

The resolution is required to comply with the mandate of the Maryland General Assembly.

