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An Act To Increase Transparency with Regard to Pawnshops

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3962, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 59, §2, is further amended to read:

3. List filed with law enforcement agency and regional tracking system. ~~Before the 15th day of every month, the~~Within 10 days of a transaction, a pawnbroker shall file with the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and submit to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement organization recognized by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, in a form acceptable to that agencythe recipient, a summaryreport of the pawn transactions entered into during the preceding calendar month.transaction, including:

- A. The name and address of the pawnbroker;
- B. The date and time of the transaction;
- C. The name, address, date of birth, telephone number, if any, and unique identifying number on the written proof of identification required under section 3971 of the consumer or seller; and
- D. Information on every item involved in the transaction, including a description of the item, manufacturer, if known, serial number, if any, and amount of the loan or purchase price given for the item.

In addition to the provisions of subsection 4, a violation of this subsection is a Class E crime.

SUMMARY

Current law requires pawnbrokers to provide before the 15th day of every month to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction a summary of the pawn transactions entered into during the preceding month. This bill requires pawnbrokers within 10 days of a pawn transaction to submit a report of the transaction to the law enforcement agency of jurisdiction and to a regional property and recovery tracking system administered by a regional law enforcement agency, currently the Regional Information Sharing Systems Program administered by the New England State Police Information Network, listing information concerning the consumer or seller in the transaction and of every item pawned or sold in the transaction. This bill makes a violation of the reporting requirements a Class E crime.