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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1099

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT REQUIRING ALL PAWN SHOPS AND PAWNBROKERS TO
9 VERIFY THE OWNERSHIP OF ITEMS A PAWN SHOP OR
10 PAWNBROKER PURCHASES OR OTHERWISE OBTAINS IN THE
11 COURSE OF BUSINESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 REQUIRING ALL PAWN SHOPS AND PAWNBROKERS
15 TO VERIFY THE OWNERSHIP OF ITEMS A PAWN
16 SHOP OR PAWNBROKER PURCHASES OR OTHERWISE
17 OBTAINS IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 27, Subchapter 2, is
24 amended to add a new section to read as follows:

25 18-27-205. Verification of ownership.

26 (a) A pawn shop or pawnbroker shall verify the ownership of all items
27 it purchases or otherwise obtains before a transaction that results in the
28 possession or possessory interest of the item by the pawn shop or pawnbroker.

29 (b)(1) A pawn shop or pawnbroker shall use Leads Online to verify
30 ownership of the items described in subsection (a) of this section.

31 (2)(A) If Leads Online shows that the item has been reported
32 stolen, the pawn shop or pawnbroker shall immediately notify law enforcement
33 that a person has attempted to sell, pawn, or otherwise enter into a
34 transaction involving the potentially stolen item.

35 (B) A pawn shop or pawnbroker may not enter into a
36 transaction involving an item that appears as stolen on Leads Online.



1 (3) If the item does not appear on Leads Online as stolen, the
2 person attempting to sell, pawn, or otherwise enter into a transaction
3 involving the item shall be presumed to be the owner of the item.

4 (c) A pawn shop owner or pawnbroker is upon conviction guilty of a
5 Class A misdemeanor if he or she knowingly:

6 (1) Fails to notify law enforcement as required by this section;
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8 (2) Enters into a transaction involving an item that appears as
9 stolen on Leads Online.

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