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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ADOPTED (Y/N) ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N) ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N) FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N) WITHDRAWN (Y/N) OTHER 1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Industries & Professional 2 Activities Subcommittee 3 Representative López, J. offered the following: 4 5 Amendment 6 Remove lines 9-23 and insert: 7 Section 1. Subsection (8) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of 8 subsection (9) of section 539.001, Florida Statutes, are amended 9 to read: 10 539.001 The Florida Pawnbroking Act.-(8) PAWNBROKER TRANSACTION FORM.-11 (a) At the time the pawnbroker enters into any pawn or 12 purchase transaction, the pawnbroker shall complete a pawnbroker 13 transaction form for such transaction, including an indication 14 of whether the transaction is a pawn or a purchase, and the 15 pledgor or seller shall sign such completed form. The agency 16 351793 - h0139-line 9.docx Published On: 3/5/2025 4:23:45 PM

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17	must approve the design and format of the pawnbroker transaction
18	form, which must be 8 1/2 inches x 11 inches in size for printed
19	forms and be in a font size of at least 12 points for digital
20	forms and elicit the information required under this section in
21	a digital or printed format. In completing the pawnbroker
22	transaction form, the pawnbroker shall record the following
23	information, which must be typed or written indelibly and
24	legibly in English.
25	(b) The front of <u>a printed</u> the pawnbroker transaction form
26	and the first page of a digital form must include:
27	1. The name and address of the pawnshop.
28	2. A complete and accurate description of the pledged
29	goods or purchased goods, including the following information,
30	if applicable:
31	a. Brand name.
32	b. Model number.
33	c. Manufacturer's serial number.
34	d. Size.
35	e. Color, as apparent to the untrained eye.
36	f. Precious metal type, weight, and content, if known.
37	g. Gemstone description, including the number of stones.
38	h. In the case of firearms, the type of action, caliber or
39	gauge, number of barrels, barrel length, and finish.
40	i. Any other unique identifying marks, numbers, names, or
41	letters.
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43	Notwithstanding sub-subparagraphs ai., in the case of multiple
44	items of a similar nature delivered together in one transaction
45	which do not bear serial or model numbers and which do not
46	include precious metal or gemstones, such as musical or video
47	recordings, books, and hand tools, the description of the items
48	is adequate if it contains the quantity of items and a
49	description of the type of items delivered.
50	3. The name, address, home telephone number, place of
51	employment, date of birth, physical description, and right
52	thumbprint of the pledgor or seller.
53	4. The date and time of the transaction.
54	5. The type of identification accepted from the pledgor or
55	seller, including the issuing agency and the identification
56	number.
57	6. In the case of a pawn:
58	a. The amount of money advanced, which must be designated
59	as the amount financed;
60	b. The maturity date of the pawn, which must be 30 days
61	after the date of the pawn;
62	c. The default date of the pawn and the amount due on the
63	default date;
64	d. The total pawn service charge payable on the maturity
65	date, which must be designated as the finance charge;
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e. The amount financed plus the finance charge that must
be paid to redeem the pledged goods on the maturity date, which
must be designated as the total of payments;

69 f. The annual percentage rate, computed according to the 70 regulations adopted by the Federal Reserve Board under the 71 federal Truth in Lending Act; and

72 g. The front or back of <u>a printed</u> the pawnbroker 73 transaction form <u>and the first or second page of a digital</u> 74 pawnbroker transaction form must include a statement that:

75 (I) Any personal property pledged to a pawnbroker within 76 this state which is not redeemed within 30 days following the 77 maturity date of the pawn, if the 30th day is not a business 78 day, then the following business day, is automatically forfeited 79 to the pawnbroker, and absolute right, title, and interest in 80 and to the property vests in and is deemed conveyed to the pawnbroker by operation of law, and no further notice is 81 82 necessary;

83 (II) The pledgor is not obligated to redeem the pledged 84 goods; and

(III) If the pawnbroker transaction form is lost, destroyed, or stolen, the pledgor must immediately advise the issuing pawnbroker in writing by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, or in person evidenced by a signed receipt.

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90 (IV) A pawn may be extended upon mutual agreement of the 91 parties.

92 7. In the case of a purchase, the amount of money paid for
93 the goods or the monetary value assigned to the goods in
94 connection with the transaction.

95 8. A statement that the pledgor or seller of the item 96 represents and warrants that it is not stolen, that it has no 97 liens or encumbrances against it, and that the pledgor or seller is the rightful owner of the goods and has the right to enter 98 into the transaction. Any person who knowingly gives false 99 verification of ownership or gives a false or altered 100 101 identification and who receives money from a pawnbroker for goods sold or pledged commits: 102

a. If the value of the money received is less than \$300, a
felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s.
775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

b. If the value of the money received is \$300 or more, a
felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.
775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

(c) A pawnbroker transaction form must provide a space for
the imprint of the right thumbprint of the pledgor or seller and
a blank line for the signature of the pledgor or seller.

(d) At the time of the pawn or purchase transaction, the pawnbroker shall deliver to the pledgor or seller an exact copy of the completed pawnbroker transaction form.

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(9) RECORDKEEPING; REPORTING; HOLD PERIOD.-

A pawnbroker must maintain a copy of each completed 116 (a) 117 pawnbroker transaction form on the pawnshop premises for at least 1 year after the date of the transaction. On or before the 118 119 end of each business day, the pawnbroker must deliver to the appropriate law enforcement official the original printed 120 121 pawnbroker transaction forms or printed copies of the digital pawnbroker transaction forms for each of the transactions 122 123 occurring during the previous business day, unless other 124 arrangements have been agreed upon between the pawnbroker and the appropriate law enforcement official. If an the original 125 126 printed transaction form is lost or destroyed by the appropriate 127 law enforcement official, a copy may be used by the pawnbroker 128 as evidence in court. When an electronic image of a pledgor or 129 seller identification is accepted for a transaction, the 130 pawnbroker must maintain the electronic image in order to meet 131 the same recordkeeping requirements as for the original printed transaction form. If a criminal investigation occurs, the 132 133 pawnbroker shall, upon request, provide a clear and legible copy 134 of the image to the appropriate law enforcement official.

(b) If the appropriate law enforcement agency supplies the appropriate software and the pawnbroker presently has the computer ability, pawn transactions shall be electronically transferred. If a pawnbroker does not presently have the computer ability, the appropriate law enforcement agency may

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140 provide the pawnbroker with a computer and all necessary 141 equipment for the purpose of electronically transferring pawn 142 transactions. The appropriate law enforcement agency shall 143 retain ownership of the computer, unless otherwise agreed upon. 144 The pawnbroker shall maintain the computer in good working order, ordinary wear and tear excepted. In the event the 145 146 pawnbroker transfers pawn transactions electronically, the pawnbroker is not required to also deliver to the appropriate 147 148 law enforcement official the original or copies of the 149 pawnbroker transaction forms. The appropriate law enforcement 150 official may, for the purposes of a criminal investigation, 151 request that the pawnbroker produce an original of a printed 152 transaction form that has been electronically transferred. The 153 pawnbroker shall deliver this form to the appropriate law 154 enforcement official within 24 hours of the request.

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