

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 941

Approved by the Governor April 10, 2012

Introduced by Smith, 14.

FOR AN ACT relating to pawnbrokers and junk dealers; to amend section 69-206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change restrictions on disposition of pawned and secondhand goods; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 69-206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

69-206 No personal property received or purchased by any pawnbroker, dealer in secondhand goods, or junk dealer, shall be sold or permitted to be taken from the place of business of such person for fourteen days ~~or~~ ~~in~~ the case of secondhand jewelry, ~~for five days~~, after the copy of the card or ledger entry required to be delivered to the police department or sheriff's office shall have been delivered as required by section 69-205. Secondhand jewelry shall not be destroyed, damaged, or in any manner defaced for a period of ~~seventy-two hours~~ fourteen days after the time of its purchase or receipt. For purposes of this section, jewelry shall mean any ornament which is intended to be worn on or about the body and which is made in whole or in part of any precious metal, including gold, silver, platinum, copper, brass, or pewter.

All property accepted as collateral security or purchased by a pawnbroker shall be kept segregated from all other property in a separate area for a period of forty-eight hours after its receipt or purchase, except that valuable articles may be kept in a safe with other property if grouped according to the day of purchase or receipt. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a pawnbroker may return any property to the person pawning the same after the expiration of such forty-eight-hour period or when permitted by the chief of police, sheriff, or other authorized law enforcement officer.

Sec. 2. Original section 69-206, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.