

Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/01/16

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 02/01

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Lininger, Vega Pederson

Nays: 2 - Post, Sprenger

Exc: 2 - Krieger, Olson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows pawnbroker to keep required registries in electronic form. Allows delivery of registry in electronic form to law enforcement when so required. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Record keeping requirements of pawnbrokers
- Differences in registry
- Pawnbroker register requirements pre-date firearm background check system
- Redundancy in information
- Effect on local ordinances

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Pawnbrokers must keep a log of every transaction in a pawn shop. The general register may be in ink or electronic form, and must include the date of transaction, serial number of the pledge, the name and address of the pledgor, an identifying description of the pledged item, and several other notations. Pawnbrokers must also keep a record of each transaction, which includes a physical description of the pledgor. A copy of this transaction record must be delivered to local law enforcement within three days of the transaction. Finally, pawnbrokers must also keep a register of pledged firearms and purchased firearms. The duplicate copy of the firearm register must be hand delivered or mailed to local law enforcement on the day of purchase.

House Bill 4044 allows all three registers (the general register, the record of transaction with physical description, and the firearm register) to be kept in electronic form and delivered to the local police agency in electronic form, as needed.