

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/25/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/25

Vote:

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Burdick, Rosenbaum

Nays: 2 - Boquist, Ferrioli

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows pawnbroker registries to be recorded in physical or electronic form. Specifies pawnbroker may keep and submit firearm registry in electronic or physical form.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current requirement to keep written copies of certain registries
- Updating to allow electronic registry

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-A 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.