

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 141

Approved March 28, 2013

WHEREAS, The Police Department of the City of Providence recognized a city wide increase in the theft of precious metals such as, but not limited to, copper, copper alloy, bronze, and aluminum; and

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Providence acted upon such findings and unanimously supported measures to reform practices surrounding the second-hand sale of scrap metals, and

WHEREAS, Such reforms were codified in a city ordinance amending Article VII, "Junk and Secondhand Dealers," of Chapter 14, "Licenses," which requires that second-hand vendors of such metals to be licensed, establishes a holding period for such metals, and levies additional penalties for the acceptance of public property as scrap; and

WHEREAS, Such reforms protect the public health, safety, welfare and welfare of the citizens of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 0079 and House Bill 5513 would add such provisions to the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby urge the General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 0079 and House Bill 5513.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the sponsors of Senate Bill 0079 and House Bill 5513 and all members of the Providence General Assembly delegation.

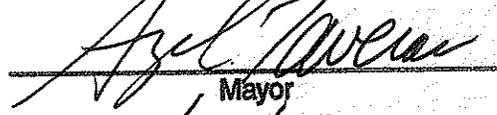
IN CITY COUNCIL

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

A N A C T

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS AND SCRAP METALS

Introduced By: Representatives Carnevale, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Legislative findings. -- The general assembly finds as follows:

2 (a) Theft of public and private property containing metals such as aluminum, brass,  
3 bronze, copper, iron, and steel has become more prevalent as the international demand and prices  
4 for scrap metal have increased; and

5 (b) Reports from the Providence department of public works indicate that over 200  
6 manhole covers are "missing" to date in 2012, and police department records show that  
7 approximately one hundred ninety (190) burglaries in 2011 involved theft of copper; and

8 (c) The center for problem-oriented policing, a nationally-recognized nonprofit  
9 organization funded through the department of justice, stated in a 2010 report that "stealing  
10 valuable metal has become a serious concern for the police, businesses, public utilities, railroad  
11 companies, and the community at large" and places a significant financial burden on  
12 municipalities, utility companies, and individual property owners to replace stolen items; and

13 (d) The purchasing and selling of stolen metals poses a substantial threat to private and  
14 public property, as well as a substantial and unreasonable interference to public health, public  
15 safety, public peace, public comfort and public convenience; and

16 (e) It is hereby the intention of the general assembly to preserve the health, safety and  
17 welfare of the citizens of the state.

18 SECTION 2. Sections 6-11.1-1, 6-11.1-2, 6-11.1-4 and 6-11.1-5 of the General Laws in

1 Chapter 6-11.1 entitled "Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals" are hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 6-11.1-1. License required -- "Person" defined. -- (a) (1) No person, including a  
4 pawnbroker, consignment shop, or salvage yard operator or second hand dealer, as defined in  
5 section 5-21-1, shall engage in the business of buying or receiving for the purpose of selling gold,  
6 silver, platinum group metals, or precious stones, or any articles containing those items, including  
7 catalytic converters other than coins purchased for their numismatic value rather than their metal  
8 content, referred to in this chapter as "precious metals," from the general public for the purpose of  
9 reselling the precious metals in any condition without first obtaining a license from the attorney  
10 general of the state of Rhode Island, also called "the attorney general" in this chapter. The  
11 attorney general shall not issue any license to a person who has not registered a permanent place  
12 of business within the state for the purchase or sale of precious metals. The criteria for  
13 determining a person's permanent place of business shall be formulated by the attorney general  
14 immediately on or after July 1, 1981. Provided, that effective July 1, 2013, the licenses provided  
15 by this chapter shall be issued by the Rhode Island department of business regulation. Also  
16 effective July 1, 2013, all powers, functions, and duties of the attorney general in regard to the  
17 issuance of licenses under this chapter shall be transferred to the department of business  
18 regulation. Any reference in this chapter to the attorney general in regard to the issuance of  
19 licenses pursuant to this chapter on and after July 1, 2013, shall be construed to mean the  
20 department of business regulation.

21 (2) No person shall engage in the business of purchasing, selling, bartering or dealing in  
22 junk, old metals or secondhand articles, or of receiving the same for the purpose of melting the  
23 same or of converting the same into castings, unless such person shall be duly licensed by the  
24 department of business regulation.

25 (b) The word "person," when used in this chapter, shall include individuals, partnerships,  
26 associations, and corporations.

27 (c) This chapter shall not apply to any financial institution which is covered by federal or  
28 state deposit insurance, nor to jewelry and silverware manufacturers purchasing precious metals  
29 directly from trade suppliers.

30 (d) The word "catalytic converter" when used in this chapter shall be defined as an air  
31 pollution abatement device that removes pollutants from motor vehicle exhaust, either by  
32 oxidizing them into carbon dioxide and water or reducing them to nitrogen.

33 (e) The word "public property" when used in this chapter shall be defined as property  
34 owned and maintained by a municipality, the state, the United States, or any quasi-governmental

1 entity, and shall include, but not be limited to, items associated with public streets and sidewalks,  
2 as follows:

3 (1) Manhole covers, or other types of utility access covers including, but not limited to,  
4 water line maintenance covers;

5 (2) Highway and street signs;

6 (3) Street light poles and fixtures;

7 (4) Guardrails for bridges, highways, and roads;

8 (5) Historical, commemorative, and memorial markers and plaques, including, but not  
9 limited to, WPA (Works Progress Administration) plaques; and

10 (6) Traffic directional and control signs and light signals.

11 ~~6-11.1-2. Application for license – Annual fee – Attorney general to promulgate rules~~  
12 ~~and regulations. – Application for license – Annual fee – department of business regulation~~  
13 ~~to promulgate rules and regulations. --~~

14 (a) Applications for the license shall be in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed  
15 by the attorney general or, if on or after July 1, 2013, the department of business regulation. Said  
16 application shall be filed with the department and shall contain:

17 (1) ~~the~~ The full name and the address (both of the residence and place of business) of the  
18 applicant, social security number, and if the applicant is a partnership or association, of every  
19 member, and if a corporation, of each officer and director and of the principal owner or owners of  
20 the issued and outstanding capital stock;

21 (2) ~~also the~~ The city or town with the street and number where the business is to be  
22 conducted; ~~and any further information that the attorney general may require.~~

23 (3) A radius map and property owner list identifying owners of property within a two-  
24 hundred-foot radius of the business as appears on the most current property tax list certified by  
25 the tax assessor of the appropriate municipality; and

26 (4) An application fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus the costs of advertising,  
27 posting, mailing, and records checks required or requested pursuant to this chapter.

28 (b) After receipt of an application for a license, the ~~attorney general~~ department shall  
29 conduct an investigation to determine whether the facts presented in the application are true. The  
30 ~~attorney general~~ department may also request a record search and a report from the national  
31 crime and information center (NCIC) of the federal bureau of investigation. If the application  
32 discloses that the applicant has a disqualifying criminal record, or if the investigation indicates  
33 that any of the facts presented in the application are not true, or if the records of the department of  
34 the attorney general indicate criminal activity on the part of the person signing the application and

1 any other persons named in the application, or if the NCIC report indicates an outstanding  
2 warrant for the person signing the application and any other persons named in the application,  
3 then the ~~attorney general~~ department of business regulation may initiate a nationwide criminal  
4 records check by the federal bureau of investigation regarding the person signing the application  
5 and any other persons named in the application, in accordance with any applicable federal  
6 standards regarding a criminal records check. ~~The applicant at the time of making his or her~~  
7 ~~initial application only shall pay to the attorney general the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) as a fee~~  
8 ~~for investigating the application and the additional sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid~~  
9 ~~annually.~~

10 (c) The annual fee for license renewals shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00), except  
11 for applicants seeking to receive old metals for purposes of melting the same, or converting the  
12 same into castings, for which the fee shall be five dollars (\$5.00).

13 (d) Licenses shall not be assignable or transferable to any other person or entity. The  
14 attorney general department is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent  
15 with this chapter to provide for the effective discharge of the responsibilities granted by this  
16 chapter.

17 **6-11.1-4. Record of transactions required -- Reports to police.** -- (a) Every person  
18 licensed under this chapter for the purposes of purchasing, selling, bartering, or dealing in old  
19 metals, shall keep a copy of the report form obtained from or under the direction of the ~~attorney~~  
20 ~~general,~~ department of business regulation containing a comprehensive record of all transactions  
21 concerning precious metals including catalytic converters. The comprehensive record shall be  
22 hand printed legibly or typed. The record shall include the name, address, telephone number and  
23 date of birth of the seller, a photocopy or digital image of the person's photo identification, the  
24 license plate number of the vehicle used to transport the property, a complete and accurate  
25 description of the property purchased or sold including any serial numbers or other identifying  
26 marks or symbols, the price paid for the old or used metals, and the date and hour of the  
27 transaction.

28 (b) All persons licensed under this chapter shall deliver or mail weekly to the chief of  
29 police of the city or town in which the business is located and to the attorney general copies of all  
30 report forms from the preceding seven-day period. Further, the licensee shall, upon request, send  
31 any additional records created pursuant to this section to the chief of police.

32 (c) Every person licensed under this chapter shall retain a copy of the report form for a  
33 period of ~~one year~~ two (2) years from the date of the sale stated on the form. Nothing in this  
34 section shall be construed as to relieve any license holder of any other record retention

1 requirements required by law.

2 (d) Provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the purchase of old  
3 metals from a person who is licensed to engage in the business of purchasing, selling, bartering or  
4 dealing in junk, old metals or secondhand articles, and who has previously recorded the contents  
5 of the load, pursuant to this section, and such person provides a written statement affirming such  
6 record at the time of the transaction.

7 **6-11.1-5. Fourteen day holding period – Recovery of stolen property – Return to**  
8 **rightful owner.** – (a) All persons licensed under this chapter shall retain in their possession in an  
9 unaltered condition for a period of fourteen (14) days all precious metals or articles made from or  
10 containing a precious metal including catalytic converters except items of bullion, including  
11 coins, bars, and medallions, which do not contain serial numbers or other identifying marks, and  
12 shall immediately notify the chief of the police department of the following property purchased or  
13 received consisting of aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, cast iron, stainless steel, and/or wrought  
14 iron:

15 (1) Statues and sculptures;

16 (2) Weather vanes;

17 (3) Downspouts;

18 (4) Handrails;

19 (5) Decorative fencing (wrought iron only);

20 (6) Grave markers, sculptures, plaques and vases, the appearance of which suggest that  
21 the articles have been obtained from a cemetery;

22 (7) Beer kegs; and

23 (8) Public property as defined in section 6-11.1-1(e).

24 Every person licensed pursuant to this chapter shall keep for a period of three (3) days,  
25 old metals not included in subsection (a) herein, purchased or received in a single transaction.

26 (b) The fourteen (14) day holding period shall commence with the date the report of its  
27 acquisition was delivered to or received through the mails by the chief of police or the attorney  
28 general, whichever is later. The records so received by the chief of police and the attorney general  
29 shall be available for inspection only by law enforcement officers for law enforcement purposes.  
30 If the chief of police has probable cause that precious metals or an article made from or  
31 containing a precious metal has been stolen, he or she may give notice, in writing, to the person  
32 licensed, to retain the metal or article for an additional period of fifteen (15) days, and the person  
33 shall retain the property for this additional fifteen (15) day period, unless the notice is recalled, in  
34 writing, within the fifteen (15) day period; within the fifteen (15) day period the chief of police,

1 or his or her designee, shall designate, in writing, an officer to secure the property alleged to be  
2 stolen and the persons in possession of the property shall deliver the property to the officer upon  
3 display of the officer's written designation by the chief of police or his or her designee. Upon  
4 receipt of the property from the officer, the clerk or person in charge of the storage of alleged  
5 stolen property for a police department shall enter into a book a description of every article of  
6 property alleged to be stolen which was brought to the police department and shall attach a  
7 number to each article. The clerk or person in charge of the storage of alleged stolen property  
8 shall deliver the property to the owner of the property upon satisfactory proof of ownership,  
9 without any cost to the owner, provided that the following steps are followed:

10 (1) A complete photographic record of the property is made;

11 (2) A signed declaration of ownership under penalty of perjury is obtained from the  
12 person to whom the property is delivered;

13 (3) The person from whom the custody of the property was taken is served with written  
14 notice of the claim of ownership and is given ten (10) days from the mailing of the notice to file a  
15 petition in district court objecting to the delivery of the property to the person claiming  
16 ownership. If a petition is filed in a timely manner, the district court shall at a hearing determine  
17 by a preponderance of the evidence that the property was stolen and that the person claiming  
18 ownership of the property is the true owner. The decision of the district court may only be  
19 appealable by writ of certiorari to the supreme court.

20 ~~(b)~~(c) The clerk or person in charge of the storage of alleged stolen property shall not be  
21 liable for damages for any official act performed in good faith in the course of carrying out the  
22 provisions of this section. The photographic record of the alleged stolen property shall be allowed  
23 to be introduced as evidence in any court of this state in place of the actual alleged stolen  
24 property; provided that the clerk in charge of the storage of the alleged stolen property shall take  
25 photographs of the property, and those photographs shall be tagged and marked and remain in his  
26 possession or control.

27 (d) Items purchased or sold under this section shall have no holding period and shall be  
28 exempt from this section if they are not included in subsection (a) of this section; and

29 (1) The transaction is for loads weighing five hundred (500) pounds or more in weight;  
30 or

31 (2) The load is purchased from a municipality or governmental entity under contract with  
32 a licensee; or

33 (3) A photo identification system for transactions is utilized. For purposes of this section  
34 a photo identification system shall be defined as a system that is designed to capture digital

1 images of each transaction, including the items contained in the transaction, the vehicle used to  
2 transport the items and the vehicle license plate information. The record of each image shall also  
3 be designed to link to or contain the documentation required in this chapter.

4 SECTION 3. Chapter 6-11.1 of the General Laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Precious  
5 Metals" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

6 **6-11.1-3.1. Receipt of public property prohibited.** -- A licensee shall not accept any  
7 public property as defined in subsection 6-11.1-1(e) unless a certificate of release from a  
8 governmental entity is provided at the time of transaction. The certificate shall list the exact  
9 description and quantity of items, and the location from which the items were removed, and shall  
10 include the seal of the governmental entity and the signature of a duly authorized governmental  
11 official. The certificate shall be kept with the items identified therein for a period of fourteen (14)  
12 days. A licensee shall immediately notify the police department of any individual attempting to  
13 sell public property without authorization from a governmental entity.

14 **6-11.1-15. Acquisition of public property.** -- (a) A licensee shall not accept any public  
15 property as defined in subsection 6-11.1-1(e) unless a certificate of release from a governmental  
16 entity is provided at the time of transaction. The certificate shall list the exact description and  
17 quantity of items, and the location from which the items were removed, and shall include the seal  
18 of the governmental entity and the signature of a duly authorized governmental official. The  
19 certificate shall be kept with the items identified therein for a period of ten (10) days. A licensee  
20 shall immediately notify the police department of any individual attempting to sell public  
21 property without authorization from a governmental entity.

22 (b) A licensee in violation of the provisions of this section shall be cited by the police  
23 department, be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500), and shall be required to  
24 appear for a show cause hearing before the department of business regulation. Upon finding a  
25 violation has occurred, the department shall impose a ninety (90) day suspension of license.

26 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS --  
PURCHASE AND SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS AND SCRAP METALS

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1           This act would prohibit the purchase of public property by precious metals dealers; would  
2           require additional forms of identification and would require notice to the police upon the sale of  
3           certain types of property. The act would provide that effective July 1, 2013, the authority for  
4           issuing licenses under this section would be transferred to the department of business regulation.

5           This act would take effect on July 1, 2013.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS - COPPER THEFT PREVENTION ACT

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Ciccone, Pichardo, and Jabour

Date Introduced: January 16, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 6 of the General Laws entitled "COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL  
2 REGULATORY PROVISIONS" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 11.2

4 PURCHASE AND SALE OF REGULATED METALS

5 6-11.2-1. Short title. - (a) This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Copper  
6 Theft Prevention Act."

7 6-11.2-2. Definitions. - (a) "Regulated metals property" means all ferrous and  
8 nonferrous metals, including, but not limited to, copper, copper alloy, bronze and aluminum.

9 (b) The word "person(s)," when used in this chapter shall include any individual(s),  
10 partnership(s), association(s), and corporation(s).

11 (c) "Secondary metals recycler" means any person, firm or corporation in the state that is  
12 engaged from a fixed location or otherwise, in the business of paying compensation for regulated  
13 metals that has served its original economic purposes, whether or not engaged in the business of  
14 performing the manufacturing process by which regulated metals are converted into raw material  
15 products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value.

16 6-11.2-3. License required. - (a) No person, including a secondary metals recycler,  
17 salvage yard operator or secondhand dealer, shall engage in the business of buying or receiving  
18 for the purpose of selling or recycling any regulated metals property or any articles containing

1 those metals, from the general public for the purpose of reselling or recycling the regulated metals  
2 in any condition without first obtaining a license from the department of attorney general. The  
3 attorney general shall not issue any license to a person who has not registered a permanent place  
4 of business within the state for the purchase or sale of regulated metals. The criteria for  
5 determining a person's permanent place of business shall be formulated by the attorney general  
6 immediately on or after July 1, 2013.

7 **6-11.2-4. Application for license – Annual fee – Attorney general to promulgate**  
8 **rules and regulations.** – (a) The application for the license pursuant to section 6-11.2-3 shall be  
9 in writing, under oath, and in the form prescribed by the attorney general. The application shall  
10 contain the name, address of residence and the business, name and address of the applicant. If the  
11 applicant is a partnership or association, the application shall include the name and residence  
12 address of every member, and if a corporation, of each officer and director and of the principal  
13 owner or owners of the issued and outstanding capital stock. The application shall also include  
14 the city or town, and the street address where the business is to be conducted, and any further  
15 information that the attorney general may require.

16 (b) After receipt of an application for a license, the attorney general shall conduct an  
17 investigation to determine whether the facts presented in the application are true. The attorney  
18 general may also request a record search and a report from the national crime and information  
19 center (NCIC) of the federal bureau of investigation. If the application discloses that the applicant  
20 has a disqualifying criminal record, or if the investigation indicates that any of the facts presented  
21 in the application are not true, or if the records of the department of the attorney general indicate  
22 criminal activity on the part of the person(s) signing the application and a other person(s) named  
23 in the application, or if the NCIC report indicates an outstanding warrant for the person(s) signing  
24 the application or any other person(s) named in the application, then the attorney general may  
25 initiate a nationwide criminal records check by the federal bureau of investigation regarding the  
26 person(s) signing the application and any other person(s) named in the application, in accordance  
27 with any applicable federal standards regarding a criminal records check.

28 (c) The applicant at the time of making his or her initial application only shall pay to the  
29 attorney general the sum of seventy dollars (\$70.00) as a fee for investigating the application and  
30 the additional sum of seventy dollars (\$70.00) shall be paid annually. Licenses shall not be  
31 assignable or transferable to any other person or entity.

32 **6-11.2-5. Identification and authority of seller – Posting of prices - Weighing.** – (a)  
33 Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall require positive proof of  
34 identification with photograph, date of birth and current address of every seller from whom

1 regulated metals or an article made from or containing a regulated metal is to be purchased, and  
2 shall require the seller to sign a statement on a form to be approved by the attorney general stating  
3 that the seller is the legal owner of the property, or is the agent of the owner authorized to sell the  
4 property, and when and where or in what manner the property was obtained.

5 (b) Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall, before purchasing any  
6 regulated metal or article made from or containing a regulated metal, require the seller, if a minor,  
7 to be accompanied by the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

8 (c) Every person required to be licensed under this chapter shall post the prices per ounce  
9 that are currently being paid for regulated metals in full sight of the prospective seller, and the  
10 regulated metals shall be weighed in full sight of the prospective seller.

11 **6-11.2-6. Record of transactions required – Reports to police.** – (a) Every person  
12 licensed under this chapter shall keep a copy of the report form obtained from or under the  
13 direction of the attorney general, containing a comprehensive record of all transactions  
14 concerning regulated metals. The comprehensive record shall be hand printed legibly or typed.  
15 The record shall include the name, address, telephone number and date of birth of the seller, the  
16 distinctive number from a federal or state government issued photo identification, the license tag  
17 number, state of issue, make and model, if available of the vehicle used to deliver the regulated  
18 metals to the secondary recycler, a complete and accurate description of the regulated metals  
19 purchased or sold including a general physical description, the weight, quantity or volume of  
20 regulated metal purchased, the consideration paid by the secondary recycler, and the date and  
21 hour of the transaction.

22 (b) All person licensed under this chapter shall deliver or mail weekly to the chief of  
23 police of the city or town in which the business is located, and to the attorney general, copies of  
24 all report forms from the preceding seven (7) day period.

25 (c) Every person licensed under this chapter shall retain a copy of the report form for a  
26 period of two (2) years from the date of the sale stated on the form. These records are to be made  
27 available for inspection by any law enforcement agency requesting to review them. A secondary  
28 metals recycler is prohibited from releasing a customer's information without the customer's  
29 consent unless the disclosure is made in response to a request from a law enforcement agency.

30 **6-11.2-7. Prohibition against certain cash transactions.** – (a) A secondary metals  
31 recycler shall not enter into any cash transaction in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500) in  
32 payment for the purchase of regulated metals.

33 (b) For transactions in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), the secondary metals  
34 recycler shall make payment in the form of a check made payable to the name and address of the

1 seller.

2 **6-11.2-8. Persons injured by violations of chapter - Damages and costs.** – Any person  
3 who has been damaged or injured by the failure of a person required to be licensed under this  
4 chapter to comply with the provisions of this chapter, may recover the actual damages sustained.  
5 The court in its discretion, may also award punitive damages and/or the costs of suit and  
6 reasonable attorneys' fees to a prevailing plaintiff.

7 **6-11.2-9. Penalties.** – (a) Every person who shall violate the provisions of this chapter  
8 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or  
9 imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

10 (b) If the value of the property involved in a transaction which is in violation this chapter  
11 exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500), a person convicted of a violation shall be fined not more  
12 than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or imprisoned for not more than three (3) years or both.

13 (c) The attorney general shall have the authority to suspend the license of any person  
14 required to be licensed under this chapter as a result of violations of this chapter or attorney  
15 general regulations leading to penalties under this chapter.

16 **6-11.2-10. Rules and regulations.** – The attorney general is authorized to promulgate,  
17 adopt, and enforce any and all rules and regulations deemed necessary to carry out the duties and  
18 responsibilities of this chapter. Rules and regulations shall be adopted in accordance with the  
19 “Administrative Procedures Act”, chapter 35 of title 42.

20 **6-11.2-11. Refusal to issue license.** – The attorney general shall refuse to issue a license  
21 when the attorney general has found that the application for the license contains a false  
22 representation of a material fact, when investigation reveals that the person applying for the  
23 license has previously been guilty of a violation of this chapter or has been a partner of a  
24 partnership, member of an association, or an officer, director or member of a corporation which  
25 has previously been guilty of a violation of this chapter, or has a disqualifying criminal record as  
26 defined in section 6-11.2-14. The attorney general may, in his or her discretion issue a license if  
27 the disqualifying criminal record is more than ten (10) years old.

28 **6-11.2-12. Suspension, revocation, and nonrenewal of license.** – The attorney general,  
29 upon his or her own investigation or upon receipt of a signed written complaint which alleges  
30 violations of this chapter, or the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter, may,  
31 after a hearing, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to this chapter.

32 **6-11.2-13. Hearings.** – Hearings conducted pursuant to this chapter shall be in  
33 accordance with the “Administrative Procedures Act”, chapter 35 of title 42.

34 **6-11.2-14. Appeals.** – Appeals from a decision by the attorney general shall be made to

1 the sixth division district court in Providence. Appeals from the decision of the sixth division  
2 district court shall be to the Rhode Island supreme court in accordance with the "Administrative  
3 Procedures Act", chapter 35 of title 42, as amended.

4 **6-11.2-15. Disqualifying criminal records - Employees or agents of licensee. - A**  
5 licensee convicted in a court of this state, a court of another state or in a federal court, of a felony  
6 charge of forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, bribery, larceny,  
7 extortion, conspiracy to defraud, receiving stolen goods, burglary, breaking and entering, or any  
8 similar offense of offenses, or tax evasion associated with the conduct of business under a license  
9 issued pursuant to this chapter shall forfeit his or her license. Prior to forfeiture of the license, the  
10 licensee may request a hearing on the forfeiture. The attorney general, when so requested, shall  
11 hold a hearing.

12 **6-11.2-16. Severability. - If any provision or phrase of this chapter or application of this**  
13 chapter to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other  
14 provisions or phrases or applications, of this chapter that can be given effect without the invalid  
15 provision or phrase or applications of this chapter that can be given effect without the invalid  
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18 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW - GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -COPPER  
THEFT PREVENTION ACT

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1           This act would create the Copper Theft Prevention Act, which would require secondary  
2 metals recyclers to obtain a license from the attorney general's office in order to purchase certain  
3 types of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. The act would create a regulatory scheme for the  
4 issuance of a license, as well as are reporting requirements of the licensee, and procedures for the  
5 penalizing of a licensee for failure to comply with the license requirements.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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