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1 AN ACT Relating to definitions in the law regulating pawnbrokers
2 and second-hand dealers; amending RCW 19.60.010; and providing an
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 19.60.010 and 1985 c 70 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
8 this section apply throughout this chapter.

9 (1) Melted metals means metals derived from metal junk or precious
10 metals that have been reduced to a melted state from other than ore or
11 ingots which are produced from ore that has not previously been
12 processed.

1 (2) Metal junk means any metal that has previously been milled,
2 shaped, stamped, or forged and that is no longer useful in its original
3 form, except precious metals.

4 (3) Nonmetal junk means any nonmetal, commonly discarded item that
5 is worn out, or has outlasted its usefulness as intended in its
6 original form except nonmetal junk does not include an item made in a
7 former period which has enhanced value because of its age.

8 (4) Pawnbroker means every person engaged, in whole or in part, in
9 the business of loaning money on the security of pledges, deposits or
10 conditional sales of personal property.

11 (5) Precious metals means gold, silver, and platinum.

12 (6) Second-hand dealer means every person engaged in whole or in
13 part in the business of purchasing, selling, trading, consignment
14 selling, or otherwise transferring for value, second-hand property
15 including metal junk, melted metals, precious metals, whether or not
16 the person maintains a fixed place of business within the state.

17 (7) Second-hand property means any item of personal property
18 offered for sale which is not new, including metals in any form, except
19 postage stamps, coins that are legal tender, bullion in the form of
20 fabricated hallmarked bars, used books, and clothing of a resale value
21 of seventy-five dollars or less, except furs.

22 (8) Transaction means a pledge, purchase, or consignment by a
23 pawnbroker or a second-hand dealer from a member of the general public.

24 (9) Personal property does not include checks, drafts, money
25 orders, or other commercial paper.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act shall take effect January 1,
27 1992.