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[EXTERNAL]

Joyce,

Representative Walsh would like to request a formal opinion of the Attorney General's office to further clarify some questions we've received from the Pawn Industry regarding SHB 1240.

Here are the points listed below:

1. Whether owners may sell assault weapons to pawnbrokers pursuant to subsection 3(2)(c) outside the context of an unredeemed pledge, and;
2. Whether pawnbrokers may sell firearms acquired in this way, online or in person to nonresidents, and;
3. Whether an owner of a pawned assault weapon can offer to sell that firearm to the pawnbroker, prior to the loan period expiring, for the purpose of selling or transferring the assault weapon to a person who does not reside in this state.

The exception language included in 3(2)(c) is unclear and needs clarification as to how it applies to the sale or transfer of these firearms for the purpose of selling or transferring the assault weapon to a person who does not reside in this state.

The 3 questions outlined above are important to the pawn industry because their FFL's want to be compliant with the law.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need clarification on anything.

Sincerely,

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