

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 538—COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE AND LABOR

MARCH 28, 2011

Referred to Committee on Commerce and Labor

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the regulation of pawnbrokers. (BDR 54-1130)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to pawnbrokers; revising the rate of interest that may be charged by pawnbrokers; revising the minimum time a pawnbroker must hold certain property; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill increases the maximum rate of interest a pawnbroker may charge
- 2 under certain circumstances from 10 percent to 15 percent. This bill also decreases
- 3 the required minimum period of time for which a pawnbroker must hold personal
- 4 property received in pledge from 120 days to 90 days after the date of pledge.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 646.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 646.050 1. A pawnbroker may charge and receive interest at
- 3 the rate of ~~10~~ **15** percent a month for money loaned on the security
- 4 of personal property actually received in pledge, and a person shall
- 5 not ask or receive a higher rate of interest or discount on any such
- 6 loan, or on any actual or pretended sale or redemption of personal
- 7 property. For any loan made, a pawnbroker may make an initial
- 8 charge of \$5 in addition to interest at the authorized rate.
- 9 2. All personal property must be held for redemption for at
- 10 least ~~120~~ **90** days after the date of pledge with any pawnbroker.
- 11 3. A pawnbroker shall give to the person securing the loan a
- 12 printed receipt clearly showing the amount loaned and rate of



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- 1 interest, together with a description of the pledged property. The
2 receipt must be marked in such a manner that the amounts of
3 principal and interest paid by the person securing the loan can be
4 clearly designated. Each payment must be entered upon the receipt,
5 and each entry must designate how much of the payment is being
6 credited to principal and how much to interest, with dates of
7 payments shown thereon.
- 8 4. A pawnbroker shall not charge more than \$3 per day for the
9 storage of a motor vehicle which is collateral for a loan.

