



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 225

HOUSE BILL NO. 338

By Representatives Kevin Brooks, Dean, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 393

By Senator Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to scrap jewelry and metal dealers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-205(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "any law enforcement officer is authorized to" and substituting instead the language "an officer of a law enforcement agency in the county or municipality in which the property is located shall".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-205(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "article" wherever it may appear and substituting instead the language "property".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-205(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "items" wherever it may appear and substituting instead the language "property".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-205(b)(2), is amended by adding the following new language between the second and third sentences:

If the buyer or dealer is ordered to return the property pursuant to such civil action, then the court shall also order that the buyer or dealer pay all litigation costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-1-205(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "any law enforcement agency of the location of the property" and substituting instead "any law enforcement agency in the county or municipality in which the property is located".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 2, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR