TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CLETS) USERS

Effective January 1, 2023, pursuant to AB 1969 (Stats. 2020, ch. 185), Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 21628 has been amended. Amended BPC section 21628 exempts a seller or pledger who verifies their identity using a Matricula Consular from reporting their personal identifying information to the California Pawn and Secondhand Dealer System (CAPSS). Instead, the personal identifying information of the intended seller or pledger shall be recorded and maintained pursuant to BPC section 21628(e), which requires each secondhand dealer or coin dealer to record and maintain the name, current address, and the Matricula Consular number of the seller or pledger for three years from the date the item was reported to the CAPSS.

Secondhand dealers or coin dealers shall record and maintain a certification by the intended seller or pledger that the person is the owner of the property or has the authority of the owner to sell or pledge the property and a legible fingerprint taken from the intended seller or pledger. If local law enforcement notifies the secondhand dealer or coin dealer, pursuant to BPC section 21647, or Chapter 12 (commencing with section 1407) of Title 10 of Part 2 of the Penal Code, that the item from the intended seller or pledger has been reported lost, stolen, or embezzled, the secondhand dealer or coin dealer shall provide law enforcement the information collected from the identification used by the intended seller or pledger.

The CAPSS will be enhanced to meet the effective date and accommodate the requirements of BPC section 21628. Information identifying a person in this protected class shall instead be populated by “on file.”

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Sincerely,

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