AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 4501

OFFERED BY MR. RUSH OF ILLINOIS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "Guarantee of a Legiti-
3	mate Deal Act of 2010".
4	SEC. 2. RETURN REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASERS OF
5	PRECIOUS METALS.
6	(a) Unlawful Conduct.—It shall be unlawful for
7	any purchaser of precious metals to—
8	(1) sell, transfer to a third party, or refine
9	through melting or otherwise permanently destroy
10	an item of jewelry or precious metal before the pur-
11	chaser of precious metals has received an affirmative
12	acceptance of an offer to purchase the item for a
13	specific price from the consumer to whom such offer
14	was made;
15	(2) fail to promptly return to the consumer any
16	jewelry or other precious metal if the consumer de-
17	clines the offer to purchase made by the purchaser
18	of precious metals; or

1	(3) fail to insure any shipment to the consumer
2	of such jewelry or precious metals in an amount
3	equal to—
4	(A) the amount the consumer insured the
5	shipment of the jewelry or precious metals to
6	the purchaser of precious metals, if the con-
7	sumer provides the purchaser of precious metals
8	with proof of such insurance; or
9	(B) 60 percent of the melt-value of the
10	jewelry or precious metals, if the consumer does
11	not provide the purchaser of precious metals
12	with proof of such insurance.
13	(4) Law Enforcement Exception—Paragraph
14	(1) of this subsection shall not prohibit the sale or
15	transfer of any item of jewelry or precious metal to
16	law enforcement agencies or their personnel.
17	(b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this Act—
18	(1) the term "purchaser of precious metals"
19	means a person who is in the business of purchasing
20	jewelry or other precious metals directly from con-
21	sumers; and
22	(2) the term "melt-value" means the reasonable
23	estimated value of any item of jewelry or precious
24	metal, as determined by the purchaser of precious

- 1 metals, if such item were processed and refined by
- 2 the purchaser of precious metals.
- 3 (c) Regulations.—The Commission may issue reg-
- 4 ulations under section 553 of title 5, United States Code,
- 5 to carry out the purposes of this Act.
- 6 SEC. 3. ENFORCEMENT BY THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMIS-
- 7 SION.
- 8 (a) Unfair and Deceptive Act or Practice.—
- 9 A violation of this Act or a regulation issued pursuant to
- 10 this Act shall be treated as an unfair or deceptive act or
- 11 practice in violation of a regulation under section
- 12 18(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15
- 13 U.S.C. 57a(a)(1)(B)) regarding unfair or deceptive acts
- 14 or practices.
- 15 (b) Powers of Commission.—The Commission
- 16 shall enforce this Act in the same manner, by the same
- 17 means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties
- 18 as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Fed-
- 19 eral Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) were
- 20 incorporated into and made a part of this Act. Any person
- 21 who violates this Act shall be subject to the penalties and
- 22 entitled to the privileges and immunities provided in that
- 23 Act.

1 SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

- 2 The provisions of this Act shall take effect 60 days
- 3 after the date of enactment of this Act.

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to require certain return policies from businesses that purchase precious metals from consumers.".

