

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
LICENSING AND REGULATION,

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ROBERT CURTIS HAMBLETON .  
dba Annapolis Coin Exchange

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CASE NOS.: SPMG 11-0038

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Respondent

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**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter comes before the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations (“Department”) as a result of a complaints filed by the Anne Arundel County Police Pawn Unit Upon a review of the complaint, the Department has determined that administrative charges against Robert Curtis Hambleton (the “Respondent”) dba Annapolis Coin Exchange, 45 Old Solomon Island Road, Suite 106, Annapolis , Maryland 21401 be filed and an administrative hearing should be held. In an effort to resolve this matter without a formal hearing, the Respondent and the Department have agreed to enter into this Consent Order as the final settlement of this matter.

**THE PARTIES AGREE AND STIPULATE:**

1. At all times relevant to the matters set forth this Consent Order, the Department had jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent.
2. The Respondent holds a secondhand precious metal object dealers and pawnbrokers license with the Department (License No. 2157) dba Annapolis Coin Exchange, 45 Old Solomon Island Road, Suite 106, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 which was originally issued on January 30, 2008.
3. On December 3, 2010, a detective with the Anne Arundel County Police Pawn Unit, reviewed transaction reports filed by the Respondent for a secondhand precious metal transaction that occurred on November 11, 2010.
4. The review determined that the seller in transaction No. 2157-1239 was 17 years old.

5. The Respondent acknowledges that the Respondent and the Respondent's employees knew, or should have known, that transactions with individuals less than 18 years of age are prohibited by the Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers Act.

6. Based on the aforementioned facts, the Respondent acknowledges that he has violated Business Regulation Articles §12-213, Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides:

**§12-213. Transactions with minors prohibited.**

A dealer may not acquire a precious metal object, or take any merchandise in a pawn transaction, from an individual who is a minor.

7. Based on the aforementioned violation, the Respondent agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty of \$ 250.00 upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order.

8. The Respondent further agrees that he shall abide by the provisions of the Maryland Secondhand Precious Metal Object Dealers and Pawnbrokers Act, § 12-101 et. seq. and COMAR 09.25.01, et. seq.

9. The Respondent, by entering into this Consent Order, expressly waives the right to have the pending allegations by the Department reduced to written charges, the right to an administrative hearing on the charges and the making of Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and any all further proceeding before the Department to which the Respondent may be entitled to in this matter, and any rights to appeal from this Order.

10. The Respondent enters into this Consent Order freely, knowingly and voluntarily.

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 8 DAY OF February, 2011, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent has violated Business Regulation Articles §§12-213 Annotated Code of Maryland;

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is, hereby, reprimanded;

**ORDERED** that the Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of \$250.00 for the violation, which amount is to payable to the Department upon the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order and Settlement Agreement, and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Department's records and publications reflect the violation and the civil penalty of \$250.00 imposed on the Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE  
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER

**Robert Curtis Hambleton**

DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE  
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER

**Leonard J. Howie, III**  
**Deputy Secretary**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
LICENSING AND REGULATION

Date

2/3/11