

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 202**

BY SENATORS WELD AND TRUMP

[Introduced February 9, 2017; referred  
to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
2 designated §47-26-2a, relating to the pawn of gift cards; defining “gift card”; and limiting  
3 the purchase, pawn, receipt, sale or exchange of a gift card with a pawnbroker.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
2 section, designated §47-26-2a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 26. PAWNBROKERS.**

**§47-26-2a. Pawn or purchase of gift cards prohibited.**

1 (a) As used in this section, “gift card” means a card, voucher, or certificate that contains  
2 or represents a specific amount of money issued by a retailer or bank to be used as an alternative  
3 to cash purchases.

4 (b) During the course of business, a pawnbroker may not purchase, pawn, receive, sell or  
5 exchange a gift card with a balance that exceeds \$100, or is in the aggregate of \$300 in a thirty  
6 day time frame, from any individual.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to limit pawnbrokers from purchasing or receiving gift cards as a pawn.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.