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TO: Pawnbroker Licensees  
 CC: South Carolina Sheriffs' Association  
 South Carolina Pawnbrokers' Association  
 FROM: Carri Grube Lybarker *Carri Grube Lybarker*  
 DATE: August 6, 2018  
 RE: **Pawnbroker Database Requirement**

Senate Bill 810 amended the South Carolina Pawnbrokers Act to require pawnbrokers to electronically transfer records of all pledged items to a database approved by the Department of Consumer Affairs ("SCDCA") that will be accessible by law enforcement. The new law becomes **effective August 15, 2018**.

After researching available databases, SCDCA has determined there are two viable options for South Carolina pawnbrokers: LeadsOnline and Business Watch International's New RAPID software. If the pawnshop is located in a jurisdiction where a local ordinance or law requires the use of an electronic system, the pawnshop must use the SCDCA-approved database chosen by that county or municipality. If there is no local ordinance or law, the pawnshop must choose one of the two SCDCA-approved databases. You can contact the vendors for the approved databases as follows:

Business Watch International New RAPID Software Email: <a href="mailto:marketing@bwiusa.com">marketing@bwiusa.com</a> Telephone: 877-404-3368	LeadsOnline LLC LeadsOnline Email: <a href="mailto:rhouse@leadsonline.com">rhouse@leadsonline.com</a> Telephone: 972-331-6789 or 800-311-2656
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All pawnbrokers must notify SCDCA in writing **no later than August 27, 2018**, which database the pawnbroker is using or intends to use. Written notice can be emailed to [Legal@scconsumer.gov](mailto:Legal@scconsumer.gov) or mailed to SCDCA, Attn: Pawnbrokers, P.O. Box 5757, Columbia, S.C. 29250-5757.

All pawn transactions occurring on or after August 15, 2018, must be logged into one of the two databases. If a pawnbroker is unable to have its database up and running by this date, it must subsequently enter all pawn transactions occurring on or after August 15<sup>th</sup> into its database once functional. However, this shall occur **no later than September 6, 2018**.

If you have any questions, please contact Joni Green, Deputy Chief Investigator, at [JGreen@scconsumer.gov](mailto:JGreen@scconsumer.gov) or (803)734-4244.

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