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TO: Scrap Metal Processors, Junk Dealers, and Agents

SUBJECT: New State License Required

The State Business Regulation Article, Title 17, Sub-Title 10, will require all scrap metal processors, junk dealers and agents of such businesses to obtain a State license effective **October 1, 2011**.

Whereas, businesses of this type in several jurisdictions had previously been exempt, the license will now be required in all counties and Baltimore City.

Any business entity or individual that buys, sells or barter for scrap metal or junk, whether or not at a fixed location, will be required to obtain a scrap metal processor or junk dealer license and comply with all reporting requirements. Any individual who buys, sells or barter for scrap metal or junk on behalf of a scrap metal processor or junk dealer, who is not a salaried employee of said business, will be required to obtain an agent license. Those persons who are salaried employees of a scrap metal processor or junk dealer are not required to be licensed.

The scrap metal processor/junk dealer and agent licenses are available from the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county where the business or individual is located or resides or for those businesses or individuals who are located in or reside in Baltimore City, from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Some jurisdictions may require prior zoning approval and certain counties may allow on-line application. The cost is \$10.00 for a scrap metal processor/ junk dealer license and \$5.00 for an agent license plus a \$2.00 issuing fee for each license.

More specific information on this new law change, along with a link to a list of questions designed to help businesses determine if they need a license and which license would apply, is available by visiting the Comptroller of Maryland, Field Enforcement Division, State License Bureau's website at the following:

http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/Field_Enforcement_Division/State_License_Bureau/

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