

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
LICENSING AND REGULATION

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CASE NO. SPMG 10-0022

AMIR PYARALI
dba Gold Italia, Inc.

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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 complaints filed by Detective Robert Gibson, of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. Upon a review of the complaint, the Department has determined that administrative charges against Amir Pyarali, dba Gold Italia, Inc. (the “Respondent”) 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. On October 1, 2009, Detective Gibson conducted an inspection of the Respondent’s company, Gold Italia, Inc., which is located at the 8710 Annapolis Mall, Annapolis, MD 21401. During Detective Gibson’s inspection, he interviewed the Respondent concerning a sign that read “Cash for Gold” on a counter at a kiosk “Charms Galore” which also belongs to the Respondent. Detective Gibson reports that the Respondent advised him that the Respondent did not have a license to trade in secondhand precious metal objects. Detective Gibson advised the Respondent to cease acquiring secondhand precious metal objects until you obtained a license from the Department.
3. The Respondent filed an application with the Department and obtained a license (Reg. No. 2365) as a secondhand precious metal object dealer on December 3, 2009.

4. Based on the aforementioned facts, the Respondent acknowledges that he has violated Business Regulation Article §12-201, Annotated Code of Maryland and Code of Maryland Regulations COMAR 09.25.01 A. which provide:

§12-201. License Required.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual shall have a license before the individual does business as a dealer in the State.

COMAR 09.25.01.01 A.

A. Individuals engaged in the business of buying, acquiring, or trading commercially with members of the public in secondhand precious metals are required to be licensed as dealers unless specially exempt under Business Regulation Article, § 12-102, Annotated Code of Maryland.

5. Based on the aforementioned violations, the Respondent agrees to pay to the Department a civil penalty of \$500.00 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.

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

BASED ON THESE STIPULATIONS, IT IS, THIS 23rd DAY OF February, 2010, BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION:

ORDERED that the Respondent has violated Business Regulation §§ 12-201 (a), Annotated Code of Maryland and Code of Maryland Regulations COMAR 09.25.01.01 A and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is, hereby, reprimanded.

ORDERED that the Respondent be assessed a civil penalty of \$500.00 for the violations, 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 violations and the civil penalty of \$500 imposed on the Respondent.

RESPONDENT'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER

Amir Pyarali

2-1-10
Date

DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
APPEARS ON ORIGINAL ORDER

Leonard V. Howie, III
Deputy Secretary