

HOUSE No. 231

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to track pawned items.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/12/2015</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 231) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to require licensed pawnbrokers and second hand dealers to photograph and catalogue certain pawned articles. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to track pawned items.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 71A. Articles deposited in pawn with a licensed pawnbroker or second hand
4 dealer that exceed market value shall be photographed and cataloged with a brief description of
5 the item including any identifying characteristics. The office of the attorney general shall collect
6 and maintain such information in an electronic database which shall be made available to law
7 enforcement agencies for the purpose of identifying and recovering stolen property. The office
8 of the attorney general shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section.