

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 179**

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**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 recover stolen property.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 179) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to require that certain pawned items be photographed and cataloged. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to recover stolen property.

*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.