

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 300**

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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:

*Paul McMurtry*

*11th Norfolk*

*John J. Lawn, Jr.*

*10th Middlesex*

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 300) of Paul McMurtry and John J. Lawn, Jr. for legislation to require that certain pawned items be photographed and cataloged. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 179 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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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.