

**ADOPT A MODEL POLICY FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF
MISSING PERSON REPORTS
HOUSE BILL NO. 6563**

There are 150,000 missing and 60,000 unidentified deceased in our country. This is not a problem unique to Connecticut. One would think that as technology advances and the use of DNA databases are expanded, the number of missing persons and unidentified deceased persons should decrease. However, without a model policy for the acceptance and investigation of missing persons, Connecticut will fall behind the national effort to address this issue.

Much like victims of identity theft prior to significant improvements in the laws, those who attempt to report a person missing are often challenged by social stereotypes and attitudes. This proposal will establish a model policy for the acceptance and investigation of missing person reports by law enforcement agencies. The first twenty-four to forty-eight hours are the most important not only for reporting a person missing, but for the collection of potential evidence and notification to the community.

I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6563.

My personal support for this bill:

Name: _____

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Town: _____

Victims' Voice Day!