

**REQUIRE PAWN BROKERS TO RECORD AND RETAIN ITEMS  
PURCHASED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME BEFORE RESALE  
HOUSE BILL NO. 6519**

Many victims of robbery and larceny crimes have complained to the Office of the Victim Advocate (OVA) regarding this very issue. In addition to the initial violation of the burglary or larceny, crime victims find themselves at a loss of hope to recover their precious belongings. Further, crime victims have a constitutional right to receive restitution from the offender for property loss or damage. The difficulty with that is typically the unrecovered items are not documented with a receipt or appraisal and the personal value and emotional attachment are not compensable.

The proposal will provide for a photographic record of items purchased by pawnbrokers, and others, as well as a stay to resell items of forty-five days. This requirement will not only assist law enforcement during the investigation and apprehension of stolen property but will also provide crime victims with some small measure of hope of recovering their family heirlooms.

**I encourage your support of House Bill No. 6519.**

**My personal support for this bill:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday, March 25, 2009**

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

**Victims' Voice Day!**