



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Rep. Stephen Dargan, Co-Chairman
Sen. Joan Hartley, Co-Chairman
Public Safety and Security Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

SB 195 AN ACT CONCERNING STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection supports this bill.

This proposed bill would raise the threshold at which an inventory must be prepared of items seized that are stolen property from \$250.00 to \$1000.00. This change will greatly help members of the Connecticut State Police, as well as other law enforcement officers. An increase in the dollar value will mean less time that a trooper or officer will have to spend seizing, inventorying, filling out paperwork, and then driving to his or her barracks or police department to now log, tag and enter the item into evidence. This additional time spent could be better served with the trooper or officer on patrol, helping citizens that are in need of our assistance. There would also be additional time and money savings as a result of the evidence that will NOT need to be stored and tracked by an evidence officer. This will free up time, and much needed space. This will free up the space to be utilized for more important cases, rather than for those items that just taking up space until the conclusion of a case that is highly unlikely to go to trial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Reuben F. Bradford'.

Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER