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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: The Honorable Vanessa Lowery Brown 

DATE: February 7, 2011

RE: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – former H.B. 2517, P.N. 4281  
Pawnbrokers License Act (2009-2010)

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In the near future, I plan to re-introduce former House Bill 2517, P.N. 4281 which provides for the identity of a pledger and for pawn tickets, for hold orders and related procedures, and for pledge and penalties.

Specifically, the bill mandates that the identity of a pledger include the name, address, age, sex, race, for the pledger to provide a valid photo identification document issued by a Federal or State government, and that a digital photograph of the pledger to be taken at the time of the transaction.

In addition, when an appropriate law enforcement official has probable cause to believe that property in the possession of a pawnbroker is misappropriated (stolen), the official may place a written hold order on the property, which shall not exceed ninety (90) days. Pawnbrokers must release the property under a hold order to law enforcement officials for use in a criminal investigation.

Finally, any individual, partnership, association, corporation, or business entity that commits a violation of this act, shall upon conviction, have its license revoked, and such an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or business entity deemed ineligible to apply for a pawnbroker's license for five (5) years after the violation.

Last session, this bill was unanimously voted out of the House Judiciary Committee.

With these concerns in mind, I believe this legislation will allow law enforcement officials to conduct proper investigations and, as a result, will provide better protection for consumers and pawnbrokers in our Commonwealth.

If you would like join me by co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Brandon Flood in my office at (717) 783-3822 or via email at [BFlood@pahouse.net](mailto:BFlood@pahouse.net)