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For Immediate Release

March 6, 2008

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Soletski – Giving Small Businesses a Break

Madison...Last night, the Assembly passed legislation, proposed by State Representative Jim Soletski, (D- Green Bay), which would reduce holding periods before a secondhand article dealer can resell certain articles, such as video games, movies, and musical instruments. Current law requires that merchants keep a record of their purchase of such items and then hold the items for 21 days before they can resell them. The purpose of the law is to help police find stolen goods, and the holding period is to allow time to gather and review reports, which in the past was a manual process. Commenting on why he introduced the bill, Soletski stated that, "Local merchant, Mark Sgarioto, owner of GB Games, brought to my attention that the law did not apply to all merchants, only those who primarily sell used items and that cities, including Green Bay were beginning to require merchants to file their reports electronically on a daily basis. Furthermore, the three week holding period left those effected merchants less time to sell a product, while it was in demand; unlike some competitors. With implementation of technology that allows for daily reporting, eliminating the need to allow time for police to go to each business to look at or gather records, I saw an opportunity to give these small merchants a break, while still having the ability to track sales for stolen goods. That is why I introduced this legislation that will help small merchants by reducing holding periods for those who are filing daily electronic reports."

The bill, Assembly Bill 301, is now before the Senate.

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AB301

ASSEMBLY BILL 301

LC Amendment Memo

An Act to amend 134.71 (title), 134.71 (8) (title), 134.71 (8) (a) (intro.), 134.71 (8) (b), 134.71 (8) (c), 134.71 (8) (d) 1., 134.71 (8) (d) 2., 134.71 (8) (d) 3., 134.71 (8) (d) 4., 134.71 (8) (e), 134.71 (8) (f), 134.71 (12) and 134.71 (14); and to create 134.71 (1) (cm), 134.71 (1) (i) and 134.71 (8) (d) 3m. of the statutes; relating to: holding periods for secondhand dealers and pawnbrokers and regulating occasional sellers of computer toys and games and audio and video recordings. (FE)

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- 05-02-07. A. Introduced by Representatives Soletski, Van Roy, Albers and Berceau; cosponsored by Senator Hansen.
- 05-02-07. A. Read first time and referred to committee on Small Business. **162**
- 10-30-07. A. Fiscal estimate received.
- 12-04-07. A. Public hearing held.

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- 02-12-08. A. Executive action taken.
- 02-12-08. A. Assembly substitute amendment **1** offered by committee on Small Business. **508**
- 02-21-08. A. Report Assembly Substitute Amendment **1** adoption recommended by committee on Small Business, Ayes 8, Noes 0. **522**
- 02-21-08. A. Report passage as amended recommended by committee on Small Business, Ayes 8, Noes 0. **522**
- 02-21-08. A. Referred to committee on Rules. **522**
- 02-28-08. A. Placed on calendar 3-5-2008 by committee on Rules.
- 03-05-08. A. Read a second time. **629**
- 03-05-08. A. Assembly substitute amendment **1 adopted** **629**
- 03-05-08. A. Ordered to a third reading. **629**
- 03-05-08. A. Rules suspended. **629**
- 03-05-08. A. Read a third time and **passed**. **629**
- 03-05-08. A. Ordered immediately messaged. **629**
- 03-06-08. S. Received from Assembly.
- 03-07-08. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development, Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection.





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March 10, 2008

Senator Robert Wirch, Chairman
Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Workforce Development,
Technical Colleges and Consumer Protection
317 East State Capitol

Dear Senator Wirch:

I am writing to ask that you please act upon Assembly Bill 301 during the short time that we have left.

While there was some objection to the original bill, there has been no opposition to the Assembly Substitute Amendment that passed the Assembly, last week, on a voice vote. Additionally, opponents of the original bill at the public hearing in the Assembly subsequently expressed support for the substitute amendment.

I am attaching a copy of the bill history and a press release about AB 301.

If you have any questions about the bill, please contact my office.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely yours,

JIM SOLETSKI
State Representative
88th Assembly District

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cc: Senator Dave Hansen