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## **House of Representatives Targets Metal Theft Sails**

**BOSTON – Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means)** joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to unanimously pass legislation intended to curb the sale of stolen metal. The bill (H3806) establishes additional procedures for scrap metal dealers. After purchasing any metal, the dealer must keep detailed records of the sale and hold the metal for at least 48 hours. This additional waiting period allows law enforcement to investigate potential stolen property.

“This a common sense bill that we believe will help with this pervasive problem,” said Representative Smola. “A set of nonintrusive procedures will make the practice of selling stolen metal much more difficult.”

It is hoped that H3806 will protect vulnerable locations such as job sites, vacant homes and public spaces from theft. The House voted 151-0 in favor of the bill which now moves to the Senate.

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