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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to secondhand dealers; amending s.
3 538.06, F.S.; requiring a law enforcement officer with
4 jurisdiction to place a specified written hold order
5 on specified goods; providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 538.06, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 538.06 Holding period.—

12 (3) Upon probable cause that goods held by a secondhand
13 dealer are stolen, a law enforcement officer with jurisdiction
14 shall ~~may~~ place a 90-day written hold order on the goods subject
15 to the court's disposition under subsection (4). However, the
16 hold may be extended beyond 90 days by a court of competent
17 jurisdiction upon a finding of probable cause that the property
18 is stolen and further holding is necessary for the purposes of
19 trial or to safeguard such property. The dealer shall assume all
20 responsibility, civil or criminal, relative to the property or
21 evidence in question, including responsibility for the actions
22 of any employee with respect thereto.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.