HB 499 -- Stealing of Leased Property

Sponsor: Pratt

This bill creates the crime of stealing leased property. The crime is committed when a person leases personal property valued at more than \$100 via a written contract and intentionally does not return the property at the end of the lease term or refuses to pay the charges agreed upon in the contract. Providing a false name, address, or place of employment when obtaining the property may be used as evidence of an intent to steal the property. The crime is a class A misdemeanor, unless the property is valued at more than \$1,000, in which case it is a class D felony.