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HOUSE BILL No. 2079

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to theft; amending K.S.A. 21-3701 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-3701 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-3701. (a) Theft is any of the following acts done with intent to deprive the owner permanently of the possession, use or benefit of the owner's property:

- (1) Obtaining or exerting unauthorized control over property;
- (2) obtaining by deception control over property;
- (3) obtaining by threat control over property; or
- (4) obtaining control over stolen property knowing the property to have been stolen by another.
- (b) (1) Theft of property of the value of \$25,000 or more is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.
- (2) Theft of property of the value of at least \$500 but less than \$25,000 *or theft* is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
- (3) Theft of property regardless of the value from three separate mercantile establishments within a period of 72 hours as part of the same act or transaction or in two or more acts or transactions connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or course of conduct is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
- (3) (4) Theft of property of the value of less than \$500 is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.
- (4) (5) Theft of property of the value of less than \$500 is a severity level 9, nonperson felony if committed by a person who has, within five years immediately preceding commission of the crime, been convicted of theft two or more times.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 21-3701 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.