## **HOUSE BILL No. 2166**

By Committee on Judiciary

## 1-23

9 AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to theft; amending 10 K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 21-3701 and repealing the existing section. 

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 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 \$100,000 or more is a severity level 5, nonperson felony.
- (2) Theft of property of the value of at least \$25,000 but less than \$100,000 is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.
- (3) Theft of property of the value of at least \$1,000 but less than \$25,000 is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
- (4) 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.
- (5) Theft of property of the value of less than \$1,000 is a class A nonperson misdemeanor. On a second conviction of theft of property of the value of less than \$1,000, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than 30 days' imprisonment. The offender must serve at least five consecutive days' imprisonment before the person is granted probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole or is otherwise released, including house arrest and work release. On a third conviction of theft of property of the value of less than \$1,000, the offender shall be sentenced to not less than 60 days' imprisonment. The offender must serve at least 10 consecutive days' imprisonment before the person is granted probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole or is otherwise released, including

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house arrest and work release. On a fourth or subsequent conviction of theft of property of the value of less than \$1,000, the offender shall be 3 sentenced to not less than one year imprisonment. The offender must serve at least 180 consecutive days' imprisonment before the person is granted 4 probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole or is otherwise released, including house arrest and work release. 6

- (6) Theft of property of the value of less than \$1,000 is a severity level 9, nonperson felony if committed by a person who has been convicted of theft two or more times.
- (c) Conviction of a violation of a municipal ordinance prohibiting acts 10 which constitute theft as defined by this section shall be considered a 11 conviction of theft for the purpose of determining the number of prior 12 13 convictions and the classification of the crime under this section.
  - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 21-3701 is hereby repealed.
- 15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.