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Overview

This bill increases penalties for metal theft. It creates a 20-year felony for theft of a conduit that supplies or transports electricity or gas and is removed in a manner that creates a risk of death or bodily harm or serious property damage. In addition, the bill increases from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor theft of copper or aluminum wire, cable or tubing when the value of the property is \$250 or less; and increases from a gross misdemeanor to a felony theft of copper or aluminum wire, cable or tubing when the value of the property is more than \$250 but less than \$500. Felony penalties currently apply to theft of property that is valued over \$500.