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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill raises the monetary thresholds for theft, issuing a dishonored check, and criminal damage to property in the first and third degrees.

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1 **Theft.** Raises the following monetary thresholds for theft crimes:

Penalty	Current	Proposed
10-year felony	exceeds \$2,500	exceeds \$5,000
5-year felony	\$501-\$2,500	\$1,001-\$5,000
5-year felony w/certain prior offenses (robbery, forgery, burglary, etc.)	\$251-\$500	\$501-\$1,000
5-year felony involving grave robbing, pillaging, auto theft, theft from government agencies or court records	not more than \$500	not more than \$1,000
gross misdemeanor	\$251-\$500	\$501-\$1,000
misdemeanor	\$250 or less	\$500 or less

2 **Issuing a dishonored check.** Raises the following monetary thresholds for issuing a

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dishonored check:

Penalty	Current	Proposed
5-year felony	more than \$500	more than \$1,000
gross misdemeanor	\$251-\$500	\$501-\$1,000
misdemeanor	not more than \$250	not more than \$500

- 3** **Criminal damage to property in the first degree.** Raises the following monetary thresholds for criminal damage to property in the first degree:

Penalty	Current	Proposed
5-year felony, first offense	more than \$500	more than \$1,000
5-year felony, second/subsequent offense	more than \$250	more than \$500

- 4** **Criminal damage to property in the third degree.** Raises the following monetary thresholds for criminal damage to property in the third degree:

Penalty	Current	Proposed
gross misdemeanor	\$251-\$500	\$501-\$1,000
gross misdemeanor, bias crime	not more than \$250	not more than \$500