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This bill increases the penalty for repeated theft offenses. Under current law, theft of property or services with a value of \$500 or less is a misdemeanor. This bill would increase the penalty for that offense to a gross misdemeanor if the offender has two prior theft offenses in the previous five years, and to a felony for a person with 24 prior theft offenses in the previous five years.