

Subject Establishing enhanced penalties for theft from vulnerable adults

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Overview

This bill establishes enhanced penalties for theft committed against a vulnerable adult. If the offender knows or should have known that the victim was a vulnerable adult, the penalty for the underlying crime increases as follows:

- if the underlying crime was a misdemeanor, the penalty becomes a gross misdemeanor;
- if the underlying crime was a gross misdemeanor, the penalty becomes a felony with a maximum sentence of imprisonment of two years; and
- if the underlying crime was a felony, the maximum sentence increases by 25 percent.

Summary

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1	<p>Enhanced penalties; risk of harm; vulnerable adult.</p> <p>Establishes enhanced penalties for theft when the offender knows or has reason to know that the victim is a vulnerable adult. Establishes that a misdemeanor offense becomes a gross misdemeanor, a gross misdemeanor offense becomes a felony with a maximum sentence of two years of imprisonment, and the maximum penalty for a felony offense must increase by 25 percent.</p>
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