

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAYHAM

CRIME/THEFT: Provides relative to the penalties for theft of a motor vehicle

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:67.26(C)(4), relative to the crime of theft of a motor vehicle;
3 to provide relative to penalties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:67.26(C)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §67.26. Theft of a motor vehicle

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10 (4) When the misappropriation or taking amounts to less than a value of one
11 thousand dollars, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than ~~six months~~ two
12 years, or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both. If the offender in such
13 cases has been convicted of theft two or more times previously, then upon any
14 subsequent conviction the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than ~~two~~ five
15 years, or fined not more than two thousand dollars, or both.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the penalties for the crime of theft of a motor vehicle when the misappropriation or taking amounts to less than a value of \$1,000.

Present law (R.S. 14:67.26) provides for the crime of theft of a motor vehicle and provides for penalties.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 14:67.26(C)(4)) provides that when the misappropriation or taking amounts to less than a value of \$1,000, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Proposed law changes the maximum term of imprisonment from six months to two years.

Present law (R.S. 14:67.26(C)(4)) further provides that if the offender in such cases has been convicted of theft two or more times previously, then upon any subsequent conviction the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than two years, or fined not more than \$2,000, or both.

Proposed law changes the maximum term of imprisonment from two years to five years for an offender who has previously been convicted of theft two or more times.

(Amends R.S. 14:67.26(C)(4))