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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.

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

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

<u>Present law</u> (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.

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

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