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HB No. 219

Abstract: Increases the amounts associated with fraud or the cost of repairing damage caused by home improvement fraud to be consistent with theft provisions.

Present law provides for penalties for theft based upon the value of the goods taken and uses the following scale for those penalties:

- (1) The misappropriation or taking amounts to \$1,500 or more.
- (2) The misappropriation or taking amounts to \$500 or more, but less than a value of \$1,500.
- (3) The misappropriation or taking amounts to less than \$500.

Present law provides penalties for the crime of home improvement fraud based upon the amount of the contract entered into for the home improvement or the cost of repairing the damage caused by the home improvement fraud using the following scale:

- (1) The amount of the contract or cost to repair is less than \$300.
- (2) The amount of the contract or the cost to repair is \$300 or more, but less than \$500.
- (3) The amount of the contract or the cost to repair is \$500 or more.

Proposed law changes the amount of the contract or damage for home improvement fraud to be consistent with present law theft provisions as follows:

- (1) The amount of the contract or cost to repair is less than \$500.
- (2) The amount of the contract or the cost to repair is \$500 or more, but less than \$1,500.
- (3) The amount of the contract or the cost to repair is \$1,500 or more.

(Amends R.S. 14:202.1(D)(1) and (3), (E)(1) and (3), and (F)(1) and (3))