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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Amends penalty provisions for the crimes of theft and attempted theft and amends provisions regarding responsive verdicts relative to the value of the things stolen.

Present law defines the crime of theft and provides that any offender who commits the crime of theft shall be punished as follows:

- (1) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to less than a value of \$500, the person shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, fined not more than \$1,000, or both.
- (2) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$500 or more, but less than a value of \$1,500, the person shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years, fined not more than \$2,000, or both.
- (3) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$1,500 or more, the person shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than 10 years, fined not more than \$3,000, or both.

Proposed law amends the penalty provisions for the crime of theft as follows:

- (1) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$25,000 or more shall be imprisoned for not less than five nor more than 20 years, or may be fined not more than \$15,000, or both.
- (2) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$5,000 or more, but less than a value of \$25,000, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or may be fined not more than \$3,000, or both.
- (3) If the misappropriation or taking amounts to a value of \$1,000 or more, but less than a value of \$5,000, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than five years, or may be fined not more than \$2,000, or both.
- (4) If 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 may be fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Present law provides that any attempt to commit the crime of theft carries the following

penalties:

- (1) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, the offender shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.
- (2) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount over \$5,000, he shall be fined not more than \$2,000, imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

Proposed law amends the penalty provisions for the attempt to commit the crime of theft as follows:

- (1) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.
- (2) If the offense so attempted is theft of an amount of \$10,000 or more, he shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

Present law provides responsive verdicts for theft and attempted theft.

Proposed law amends provisions regarding responsive verdicts to reflect the changes provided in proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 14:27(D)(2)(c)(i) and (ii) and 67(B) and C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(26) and (27))