
DIGEST

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Leger

HB No. 945

Abstract: Changes the threshold value for felony and misdemeanor offenses involving the unauthorized use of a movable.

Present law provides for the crime of unauthorized use of a movable.

Present law further provides that whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a movable having a value of \$1,000 or less shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Whoever commits the crime of unauthorized use of a movable having a value in excess of \$1,000 shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than five years, or both.

Proposed law changes the value of the movable from \$1,000 to \$500 and otherwise retains the penalty provisions of present law.

Present law provides responsive verdicts for theft and attempted theft.

Present law provides that the following are responsive verdicts for theft and attempted theft: guilty of unauthorized use of movables having a value in excess of \$1,000 but only if a value in excess of \$1,000 is stated in the indictment, or guilty of unauthorized use of movables having a value of \$1,000 or less.

Proposed law changes the amount from \$1,000 to \$500 and removes the requirement that the amount of the movable be specified in the indictment.

(Amends R.S. 14:68(B) and C.Cr.P. Art. 814(A)(26) and (27))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Made technical change only.