

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANSKI

CRIME/THEFT: Provides relative to theft prevention programs

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 215(C) and R.S. 14:66(A)(2) and  
3 to enact Code of Criminal Procedure Article 215(A)(3), relative to theft of goods; to  
4 provide relative to theft prevention programs; to prohibit the exclusion of  
5 participants based upon certain factors; to provide relative to a fee; to provide  
6 relative to certain requirements of the program; to provide definitions; and to provide  
7 for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. Code of Criminal Procedure Article 215(C) is hereby amended and  
10 reenacted and Code of Criminal Procedure Article 215(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as  
11 follows:

12 Art. 215. Detention and arrest of shoplifters

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15 (3)(a) A merchant or a specifically authorized employee or agent of a  
16 merchant who has reasonable cause to believe that a person has committed a theft of  
17 goods held for sale by the merchant, is not precluded from offering such person the  
18 opportunity to complete a theft prevention program in lieu of reporting the suspected  
19 theft to law enforcement.



