

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 438 (SB 54)

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Existing law provided that an officer must issue a summons in lieu of arrest for misdemeanor offenses and for felony theft or possession of stolen things when the value of the thing is \$500 or more but less than \$1,000, unless the officer has reasonable grounds to believe that the person will not appear on the summons, or that the person will cause injury to himself or another or property damage, or it is necessary to book the person for routine identification procedures.

New law deletes the existing law requirement of summons in lieu of arrest under certain circumstances, and permits the law enforcement officer to exercise discretion to either make an arrest or issue a summons.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends C.Cr.P. Art. 211(A)(1), (B)(1), and (E))