

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 129** HLS 24RS 453

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Penalties for Theft of a Motor Vehicle		

CRIME/THEFT

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Provides relative to the penalties for theft of a motor vehicle

Current law provides definitions for the crime of theft of a motor vehicle; assesses a penalty of imprisonment for not more than six months, a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both, if the misappropriation or taking of the motor vehicle amounts to less than a value of \$1,000. Current law assesses a subsequent penalty of imprisonment of not more than two years, a fine of no more than \$2,000, or both, for those convicted of theft of a motor vehicle, when the offender has been convicted two or more times previously of theft of a motor vehicle. Proposed law increases the penalty of imprisonment for misappropriation or taking of a motor vehicle, when the value of the vehicle is less than \$1,000, to two years of imprisonment; increases the subsequent penalties of imprisonment, for offenses in which offenders have been convicted of theft two or more times previously, to five years; retains current law on potential fines.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures for local governing authorities if a person is convicted of theft of a motor vehicle, value of vehicles is less than \$1,000. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term at the local level is no more than two years for the first offense and no more than five years for the second and subsequent offense.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure because this legislation creates a misdemeanor offense; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions of theft of a motor vehicle valued less than \$1,000. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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