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## DIGEST

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HB 723 Original

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**Abstract:** Provides for an increased penalty when the crime of simple assault is committed upon a store's or merchant's employee.

Present law provides for the crime of simple assault and defines it as an assault committed without a dangerous weapon.

Present law further provides that whoever commits the present law crime shall be fined not more than \$200, or imprisoned for not more than 90 days, or both.

Proposed law provides that when the present law crime is committed upon a store's or merchant's employee while the offender or principal of the offense is engaged in the perpetration or attempted perpetration of theft of goods, the offender or principal of the offense shall be fined not more than \$500 and shall be imprisoned for not less than 15 days nor more than six months without the benefit of suspension of sentence.

(Adds R.S. 14:38(C))