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Abstract: Provides relative to the crime of theft.

<u>Present law</u> provides that if the offender who misappropriates less than a value of \$1,000, the offender shall be imprisoned for not more than six months, or may be fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but provides that if the offender in such cases commits the crime of theft of a package that has been delivered to an inhabited dwelling owned by another, he shall be imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than two years, or may be fined not more than \$2,000, or both.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if the offender commits an assault upon a store or merchant's employee who is acting in the course and scope of his employment duties, during the commission or attempted commission of theft, at least 15 days of the sentence imposed under <u>proposed law</u> shall be served without benefit of probation or suspension of sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:67(B)(4), (C) and (D); Adds R.S. 14:67(E))