

Prior law provided relative to civil liability for theft of goods from a merchant.

Prior law provided that any person who unlawfully takes merchandise from a merchant's premises shall be liable to the merchant for the retail value of the merchandise taken, if not recovered in merchantable condition, plus damages of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

Prior law also provided that its provisions shall not be construed to prohibit or limit any other cause of action which a merchant may have against a person who unlawfully takes merchandise from the merchant's premises.

New law retains prior law and further provides that any damages awarded in a civil action shall be reduced by the amount recovered from the offender as restitution to the merchant as a condition of sentence in the criminal case.

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(Amends R.S. 9:2799.1)