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2	An act relating to retail theft
3	The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4	the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5	Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2575 is amended to read:
6	§ 2575. OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT
7	A person commits the offense of retail theft when the person, with intent of
8	depriving a merchant wrongfully of the lawful possession of merchandise,
9	money, or credit:
10	(1) takes and carries away or causes to be taken and carried away or aids
11	and abets the carrying away of, any merchandise from a retail mercantile
12	establishment without paying the retail value of the merchandise; or
13	* * *
14	Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2577 is amended to read:
15	§ 2577. PENALTY
16	(a) A person convicted of the offense of retail theft of merchandise having
17	a retail value not in excess of \$900.00 shall:
18	(1) for a first offense, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or
19	imprisonment for not more than six months 30 days, or both;
20	(2) for a second offense, be punished by a fine of not more than
21	\$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both;

1	(3) for a third offense, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,500.00
2	or imprisonment for not more than three years, or both; or
3	(4) for a fourth or subsequent offense, be punished by a fine of not more
4	than \$2,500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.
5	(b) A person convicted of the offense of retail theft of merchandise having
6	a retail value in excess of \$900.00 shall be punished by a fine of not more than
7	\$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.
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9	Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE
10	This act shall take effect on passage.