1	S.180
2	Introduced by Senator Baruth
3	Referred to Committee on
4	Date:
5	Subject: Crimes; grand larceny; retail theft
6	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit the
7	aggregate value of stolen property to be used to satisfy the \$900.00 threshold
8	that determines whether a crime is: (1) grand larceny or petit larceny; and
9	(2) felony retail theft or misdemeanor retail theft.
10	An act relating to the aggregate value of stolen property in certain crimes
11	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
12	Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2501 is amended to read:
13	§ 2501. GRAND LARCENY
14	(a) A person who steals from the actual or constructive possession of
15	another, other than from his or her person, money, goods, chattels, bank notes,
16	bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange or other bills, orders, or certificates,
17	or a book of accounts for or concerning money, or goods due or to become due
18	or to be delivered, or a deed or writing containing a conveyance of land, or any
19	other valuable contract in force, or a receipt, release or defeasance, writ,
20	process, or public record, shall be imprisoned not more than 10 years or fined

1	not more than \$5,000.00, or both, if the money or other property stolen exceeds
2	\$900.00 in value.
3	(b) It shall be a violation of subsection (a) of this section if:
4	(1) a person acts in concert with one or more persons on one or more
5	occasions within a period of 180 days to commit the offense of petit larceny in
6	violation of section 2502 of this title; and
7	(2) the aggregate value of the money or other property stolen exceeds
8	<u>\$900.00.</u>
9	Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2575 is amended to read:
10	§ 2575. OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT
11	A person commits the offense of retail theft when the person, with intent of
12	depriving a merchant wrongfully of the lawful possession of merchandise,
13	money, or credit:
14	(1) takes and carries away or causes to be taken and carried away or aids
15	and abets the carrying away of, any merchandise from a retail mercantile
16	establishment without paying the retail value of the merchandise; or
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1	Sec. 3. 13 V.S.A. § 2577 is amended to read:
2	§ 2577. PENALTY
3	(a) A person convicted of the offense of retail theft of merchandise having
4	a retail value not in excess of \$900.00 shall be punished by a fine of not more
5	than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
6	(b)(1) A person convicted of the offense of retail theft of merchandise
7	having a retail value in excess of \$900.00 shall be punished by a fine of not
8	more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.
9	(2) A person shall be punished pursuant to this subsection if:
10	(A) a person acts in concert with one or more persons on one or more
11	occasions within a period of 180 days to commit the offense of retail theft in
12	violation of subdivision 2575(1) of this title; and
13	(B) the aggregate value of the merchandise taken away exceeds
14	<u>\$900.00.</u>
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16	Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
17	This act shall take effect on passage.