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Introduced by Representatives LaLonde of South Burlington, Notte of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre City, Arsenault of Williston, Austin of Colchester, Black of Essex, Brumsted of Shelburne, Burrows of West Windsor, Carpenter of Hyde Park, Chase of Chester, Christie of Hartford, Coffey of Guilford, Conlon of Cornwall, Dodge of Essex, Dolan of Essex Junction, Dolan of Waitsfield, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Houghton of Essex Junction, Howard of Rutland City, Hyman of South Burlington, James of Manchester, Krasnow of South Burlington, Lalley of Shelburne, Masland of Thetford, McCann of Montpelier, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Minier of South Burlington, Mrowicki of Putney, Noyes of Wolcott, Nugent of South Burlington, Ode of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Scheu of Middlebury, Sims of Craftsbury, Stebbins of Burlington, Templeman of Brownington, White of Bethel, and Wood of Waterbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes; retail theft

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit the aggregate value of stolen property to be used to determine the criminal penalty

1 for retail theft when it is committed by a person acting in concert with another  
2 person, to increase the penalty for retail theft if a person commits more than  
3 one violation within a 14-day period and the aggregate retail value of the  
4 merchandise taken away exceeds \$900.00, and to decrease the felony penalty  
5 for retail theft when the value of the stolen property exceeds \$900.00.

6 An act relating to retail theft

7 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

8 Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2575 is amended to read:

9 § 2575. OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT

10 A person commits the offense of retail theft when the person, with intent of  
11 depriving a merchant wrongfully of the lawful possession of merchandise,  
12 money, or credit:

13 (1) takes and carries away or causes to be taken and carried away or aids  
14 and abets the carrying away of; any merchandise from a retail mercantile  
15 establishment without paying the retail value of the merchandise; or

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1 for not more than three years, or both, if the aggregate retail value of the  
2 merchandise taken away exceeds \$900.00.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.