

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred House Bill No. 534  
3 entitled “An act relating to retail theft” respectfully reports that it has  
4 considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that  
5 the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
6 lieu thereof the following:

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

8 § 2575. OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT

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

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

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16 Sec. 2. 13 V.S.A. § 2577 is amended to read:

17 § 2577. PENALTY

18 (a) A person convicted of the offense of retail theft of merchandise having  
19 a retail value not in excess of \$900.00 shall:

20 (1) for a first offense, be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or  
21 imprisonment for not more than ~~six months~~ 30 days, or both;

