
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THEFT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that most motor vehicle
2 thefts are currently prosecuted under the Hawaii Penal Code
3 offenses of unauthorized control of a propelled vehicle or theft
4 in the second degree, for property the value of which exceeds
5 \$750. Both of these offenses are class C felonies, with a
6 maximum penalty of up to \$10,000 and five years of imprisonment.

7 The legislature further finds that the public's growing
8 concerns over motor vehicle theft have led to a desire for
9 stiffer penalties. Including theft of a motor vehicle under
10 theft in the first degree will elevate the offense to a class B
11 felony, with a maximum penalty of up to \$25,000 and ten years of
12 imprisonment.

13 The purpose of this Act is to add theft of a motor vehicle
14 as defined in section 291C-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which
15 includes motorcycles and motor scooters, to the offense of theft
16 in the first degree.



1 SECTION 2. Section 708-830.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

3 "(1) A person commits the offense of theft in the first
4 degree if the person commits theft:

5 (a) Of property or services, the value of which exceeds
6 \$20,000;

7 (b) Of a firearm;

8 (c) Of dynamite or other explosive; ~~[or]~~

9 (d) Of property or services during an emergency period
10 proclaimed by the governor or mayor pursuant to
11 chapter 127A, within the area covered by the emergency
12 or disaster under chapter 127A, the value of which
13 exceeds \$300~~[or]~~; or

14 (e) Of a motor vehicle as defined in section 291C-1."

15 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
17 begun before its effective date.

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

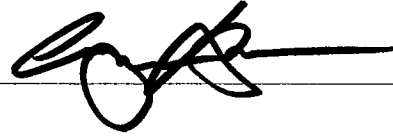
20 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Theft in the First Degree; Motor Vehicles

Description:

Amends the offense of theft in the first degree to specifically include theft of a motor vehicle as defined in section 291C-1, HRS.

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