

A Bill for an Act Relating to Theft.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 830, chapter 8, Hawaii Penal Code, title 37, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new subsection (9) to read as follows:

“(9) Shoplifting.

- (a) He conceals or takes possession of the goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment, with intent to defraud.
- (b) He alters the price tag or other price marking on goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment, with intent to defraud.
- (c) He transfers the goods or merchandise of any store or retail establishment from one container to another, with intent to defraud.

The unaltered price or name tag or other marking on goods or merchandise, or duly identified photographs thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of value and ownership of such goods or merchandise. Photographs of the goods or merchandise involved, duly identified in writing by the arresting police officer as accurately representing such goods or merchandise, shall be deemed competent evidence of the goods or merchandise involved and shall be admissible in any proceedings, hearings, and trials for shoplifting, to the same extent as the goods or merchandise themselves.”

SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored. In printing this Act, the revisor of statutes need not include the underscoring.*

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 24, 1974.)

*Edited accordingly.