



State of Wisconsin
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 50

February 20, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives BINSFELD, BEHNKE, BROOKS, BRANDTJEN, DONOVAN, KITCHENS, MURPHY, MURSAU, RETTINGER, SAPIK and WICHGERS, cosponsored by Senators JACQUE and MARKLEIN. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **AN ACT to amend** 943.20 (3) (a) and 943.20 (3) (bf) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 felony theft of property and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, theft of property valued at up to \$2,500 is a Class A misdemeanor, and theft of property valued at more than \$2,500 but not more than \$5,000 is a Class I felony. Under this bill, theft of property valued at up to \$1,000 is a Class A misdemeanor, and theft of property valued at more than \$1,000 but not more than \$5,000 is a Class I felony.

Under current law, the penalty for a Class A misdemeanor is a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to nine months, or both, and the penalty for a Class I felony is a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to three years and six months, or both.

Because this bill creates a new crime or revises a penalty for an existing crime, the Joint Review Committee on Criminal Penalties may be requested to prepare a report.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 943.20 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 943.20 (3) (a) If the value of the property does not exceed ~~\$2,500~~ \$1,000, is
5 guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

