



State of Wisconsin
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2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 891

January 21, 2022 - Introduced by Representatives JAMES, SORTWELL, ARMSTRONG, HORLACHER, PENTERMAN and KNODL, cosponsored by Senators JAGLER, MARKLEIN and NASS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 943.204 (1) (a), 943.204 (1) (c), 943.204 (3) (c) and 943.204 (3)
2 (d); and *to amend* 943.204 (3) (a) and 943.204 (3) (b) of the statutes; **relating**
3 **to:** theft of mail and providing a penalty.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, theft of mail, which is taking a letter, postcard, or package from a residence or other building, is a crime. Under current law, a person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if he or she takes fewer than 10 pieces of mail, a Class I felony if he or she takes at least 10 but fewer than 30 pieces of mail, and a Class H felony if he or she takes 30 or more pieces of mail or if the mail belongs to an adult at risk or an elder adult at risk. Under this bill, a person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if he or she takes fewer than three pieces of mail, and a Class I felony if he or she takes three or more pieces of mail. A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed nine months, or both, and a Class I felony is punishable by 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:

