



State of Wisconsin
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2021 SENATE BILL 944

February 7, 2022 - Introduced by Senator JACQUE, cosponsored by Representatives BRANDTJEN, WICHGERS, MURPHY and KNODL. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

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.

