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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 829

**Senate
Amendment 1**

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 829

Under current law, the penalties for criminal retail theft vary from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class G felony, depending on the circumstances. Assembly Bill 829 requires a judge to impose a mandatory term of confinement of not less than 180 days in jail or prison upon a person's third or subsequent conviction for criminal retail theft within 10 years. The bill requires that the preceding convictions must have been for acts committed on separate days.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 changes the lookback period under the bill from 10 years to five years. Accordingly, the amendment requires a judge to impose the mandatory term of confinement provided by the bill upon a person's third or subsequent conviction for criminal retail theft within five years. As under the bill, the preceding convictions must have been for acts committed on separate days.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Stroebel offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 10, 2022. On February 17, 2022, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of Senate Amendment 1 and concurrence in Assembly Bill 829, as amended, both on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2.

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