



## 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.

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.

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### *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.

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***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.

