

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**House Bill No. 691**

AN ACT concerning

**Crimes - Misdemeanor Theft - ~~Third or Subsequent Conviction~~ Subsequent Offenders - Penalty**

FOR the purpose of establishing certain penalties for ~~a third or subsequent conviction of theft of property or services with a certain value~~ persons with a certain number or more of prior convictions for certain theft offenses; requiring the State's Attorney to notify the defendant or the defendant's counsel of certain information within a certain period; and generally relating to misdemeanor theft.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 7-104(g)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

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(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Criminal Law**

7-104.

(g) (1) A person convicted of theft of property or services with a value of \$500 or more is guilty of a felony and:

(i) is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 15 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both; and

(ii) shall restore the property taken to the owner or pay the owner the value of the property or services.