

SUBTITLE 2. UNLAWFUL USE OF GOODS.

7-201. THEFT OF GROCERY CARTS.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A WHEELED CART OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE THAT IS CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ITS OWNER AND IF NOTICE OF THIS SECTION IS CLEARLY AND PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT EACH PUBLIC EXIT FROM THE GROCERY STORE, STORE, OR MARKET THAT OWNS THE WHEELED CART OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE.

(B) PROHIBITED.

(1) A PERSON MAY NOT:

(I) WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNER OR AGENT OF THE OWNER, REMOVE A WHEELED CART OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE PROVIDED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLING OR CARRYING PURCHASED MATERIALS FROM A GROCERY STORE, STORE, OR MARKET, INCLUDING ITS PARKING FACILITIES;

(II) DAMAGE ANY WHEELED CART OR OTHER DEVICE OWNED BY THE GROCERY STORE, STORE, OR MARKET FROM WHICH THE CART WAS OBTAINED; OR

(III) ABANDON A WHEELED CART OR OTHER DEVICE ON THE STREETS OR ALLEYS OF THE STATE.

(2) A PERSON MAY ABANDON A WHEELED CART OR OTHER DEVICE ON THE PARKING FACILITIES OF THE GROCERY STORE, STORE, OR MARKET FROM WHICH THE CART WAS OBTAINED.

(C) PENALTY.

A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$25 FOR EACH VIOLATION.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 27, § 120A.

In subsection (b)(1)(i) of this section, the former phrase "the premises ... of" is deleted as implicit in the reference to the "grocery store, store, or market".

In subsection (b)(1)(ii) of this section, the former reference to "destroy[ing], mutilat[ing]" a wheeled cart is deleted as included in the reference to "damag[ing]" a wheeled cart.

In subsection (b)(1)(iii) and (2) of this section, the reference to an "other" device is added for consistency and clarity.

In subsection (b)(1)(iii) of this section, the former reference to "highways" is deleted as included in the reference to "streets".