1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022) 3 By: Murdock SENATE BILL 1540 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1731, as last amended by 8 Section 15, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2018, which relates to larceny of merchandise from retailers and 9 wholesalers; creating certain crime; providing certain penalty; providing certain definition; 10 requiring certain law enforcement action; proscribing certain compensation; establishing certain 11 responsibility; allowing for certain prosecution; and providing an effective date. 12 13 14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1731, as 16 last amended by Section 15, Chapter 116, O.S.L. 2018, is amended to 17 read as follows: 18 Section 1731. A. Larceny of merchandise held for sale in 19 retail or wholesale establishments shall be punishable as follows: 20 1. For the first or second conviction, in the event the value 21 of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property which has been 22 taken is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the person 23 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the

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county jail for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days, and by a fine

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not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); provided, for the first or second conviction, in the event more than one item of goods, edible meat or other corporeal property has been taken, punishment shall be by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed thirty (30) days, and by a fine not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00);

- 2. For a third or subsequent conviction, in the event the value of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property which has been taken is less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not to exceed one (1) year, and by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);
- 3. In the event the value of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more but less than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed two (2) years, and by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);
- 4. In the event the value of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property is Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or more but less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00), the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by

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imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed five (5) years, and by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00); or

- 5. In the event the value of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property is Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) or more, the person shall be guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for a term not to exceed eight (8) years, and by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).
- B. When three or more separate offenses under this section are committed within a ninety-day period, the value of the goods, edible meat or other corporeal property involved in each larceny offense may be aggregated to determine the total value for purposes of determining the appropriate punishment under this section.
- C. In the event any person engages in conduct that is a violation of this section in concert with at least one other individual, such person shall be liable for the aggregate value of all items taken by all individuals. Such person may also be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 421 of this title, which shall be in addition to any other penalties provided for by law.
- D. Any person convicted pursuant to the provisions of this section shall also be ordered to pay restitution to the victim as provided in Section 991f of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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E. Any person that, after having previously been found guilty of an offense of larceny pursuant to this section within the previous ten (10) years, commits an additional act of larceny pursuant to this section and during the commission of the offense is found to have:

1. Used a theft device;

- 2. Defeated or removed an anti-theft device;
- 3. Used a fire exit; or
- 4. Committed larceny from a retailer after previously being banned from that retailer,

upon conviction, shall be punished by a term of not less than two (2) years in the custody of the Department of Corrections. The sentence shall run consecutive to any other sentence imposed upon the convicted person.

- F. As used in this section, "theft device" shall mean any object brought to the site of the larceny by the person committing the offense, the purpose of which is solely to assist in the unlawful offense.
- G. Any merchandise stolen pursuant to subsection E of this section shall be seized and impounded by law enforcement officers and shall be returned to the victim of the larceny or held until the victim can be identified.
- H. If the stolen merchandise is sold, no compensation shall be paid to the buyer of the stolen items. Any separate person

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1	purchasing stolen merchandise for resale from the person convicted
2	pursuant to subsection E, without making reasonable inquiry as to
3	ownership, shall be responsible for the total amount of stolen
4	merchandise and may be prosecuted for any offenses related to
5	organized retail theft.
6	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.
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