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February 15, 2024

By: Coleman

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1727, which relates to copper theft; creating felony offense; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1727, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1727. A. Any person who shall enter upon any premises, easement, or ~~right-of-way~~ right-of-way with intent to steal or remove without the consent of the owner, or with intent to aid or assist in stealing or removing any copper wire, copper cable, or copper tubing from and off of any appurtenance on such premises, easement, or ~~right-of-way~~ right-of-way, shall be guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by ~~confinement in the State Penitentiary~~ imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by confinement in the county jail for not less than ninety (90) days nor more than two hundred (200) days, or shall be fined

1 not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five  
2 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

3 B. Any person who shall enter upon any premises, easement, or  
4 right-of-way with intent to steal or remove without the consent of  
5 the owner, or with intent to aid or assist in stealing or removing,  
6 any copper wire, copper cable, or copper tubing from and off of any  
7 appurtenance on such premises, easement, or right-of-way resulting  
8 in damages to such appurtenance, premises, easement, or right-of-way  
9 of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or more shall be  
10 guilty of a felony and upon conviction shall be punished by  
11 imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not  
12 more than twenty-five (25) years, by a fine not to exceed Fifty  
13 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and  
14 fine.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
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