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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2555

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-17-43 AND 97-17-41, MISSISSIPPI
2 CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF PROPERTY WHICH DETERMINES
3 THE CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY; TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR
4 CONVICTION OF THE CRIME OF PETIT LARCENY; AND FOR RELATED
5 PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 97-17-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 97-17-43. (1) If any person shall feloniously take, steal
10 and carry away any personal property of another under the value of
11 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), he shall be guilty of petit
12 larceny and upon conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in
13 the county jail not exceeding six (6) months or by fine not
14 exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

15 (2) If any person shall feloniously take, steal and carry
16 away any property of a church, synagogue, temple or other
17 established place of worship under the value of One Thousand
18 Dollars (\$1,000.00), he shall be guilty of petit larceny and, upon
19 conviction, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail
20 not exceeding one (1) year or by fine not exceeding Two Thousand
21 Dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

22 SECTION 2. Section 97-17-41, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
23 amended as follows:

24 97-17-41. (1) (a) Every person who shall be convicted of
25 taking and carrying away, feloniously, the personal property of
26 another, of the value of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more,
27 shall be guilty of grand larceny, and shall be imprisoned in the

28 penitentiary for a term not exceeding five (5) years; or shall be
29 fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or both.

30 (b) Every person who shall be convicted of taking and
31 carrying away, feloniously, the property of a church, synagogue,
32 temple or other established place of worship, of the value of One
33 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, shall be guilty of grand
34 larceny, and shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary for a term
35 not exceeding ten (10) years, or shall be fined not more than Two
36 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or both.

37 (2) Every person who shall be convicted for a second or
38 subsequent offense of taking and carrying away, feloniously, a
39 motor vehicle which is the personal property of another, of any
40 value, shall be guilty of grand larceny, and shall be imprisoned
41 in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding ten (10) years or
42 shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or
43 both.

44 (3) The court shall order any person convicted under this
45 section who causes damage to any motor vehicle to pay restitution
46 to the owner or owners of any such motor vehicle.

47 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from
48 and after July 1, 1999.