
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7107

AN ACT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF WASTE VEGETABLE OIL OR ANIMAL FATS.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the penalty for the theft of waste vegetable oil or animal fats valued at \$1,000 or less. It does so by classifying the theft of these products as 4th degree larceny, which is a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

Currently, (1) the theft of up to \$500 of these products is 6th degree larceny, a class C misdemeanor punishable by up to three months in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both, and (2) the theft of over \$500 and up to \$1,000 is 5th degree larceny, a class B misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in prison, a fine of up to \$1,000, or both. Under existing law and unchanged by the bill, the theft of these products valued at over \$1,000 and up to \$2,000 is already 4th degree larceny.

Currently, theft of over \$2,000 of these products ranges from 3rd degree larceny (a class D felony) to 1st degree larceny (a class B felony). Under the bill, it is unclear whether this continues to apply or if any theft of these products is classified as 4th degree larceny.

Under the bill, “waste vegetable oil or animal fats” means used vegetable oil or animal fats being stored by a school, restaurant, institutional cafeteria, or other institution or business for collection and recycling, including conversion into a biodiesel blend.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 38 Nay 0 (03/20/2019)