

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2688** Session of  
1986

INTRODUCED BY BORTNER, DeWEESE, PRESSMANN, STABACK, BOWLEY AND  
VEON, JUNE 26, 1986

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 26, 1986

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the grading of  
3 retail theft.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3929(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3929. Retail theft.

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10 (b) Grading.--

11 (1) Retail theft constitutes a:

12 (i) Summary offense when the offense is a first  
13 offense and the value of the merchandise is less than  
14 \$150.

15 (ii) Misdemeanor of the second degree when the  
16 offense is a second offense and the value of the  
17 merchandise is less than \$150.

18 (iii) Misdemeanor of the first degree when the

1 offense is a first or second offense and the value of the  
2 merchandise is \$150 or more.

3 (iv) Felony of the third degree when the retail  
4 theft involves a firearm or when the offense is a third  
5 or subsequent offense, regardless of the value of the  
6 merchandise.

7 (2) Amounts involved in retail thefts committed pursuant  
8 to one scheme or course of conduct, whether from the same  
9 store or retail mercantile establishment or several stores or  
10 retail mercantile establishments, may be aggregated in  
11 determining the grade of the offense.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.