HOUSE BILL 172

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Crimes - Felony Theft - Penalties

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum fine for persons convicted of felony theft;

4 and generally relating to theft.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

7 Section 342(f)(1)

- 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 9 (1996 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

13 342.

14 (f) (1) A person convicted of theft where the property or services that was

15 the subject of the theft has a value of \$500 or greater is guilty of a felony and shall

16 restore the property taken to the owner or pay him the value of the property or

17 services, and be fined not more than [\$1,000] \$25,000, or be imprisoned for not more

18 than 15 years, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 October 1, 2001.