

SENATE BILL 211

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By: **Senators Collins, Hoffman, and Hollinger**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Theft - Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum fines for felony and misdemeanor theft;
4 and generally relating to fines for theft.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
7 Section 342(f)
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:

12 **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 (2) A person convicted of theft where the property or services that was
20 the subject of the theft has a value of less than ~~\$5,000~~ \$500 is guilty of a misdemeanor
21 and shall restore the property taken to the owner or pay him the value of the property
22 or services, and be fined not more than [\$500] \$5,000, or be imprisoned for not more

1 than 18 months, or be both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court;
2 however, all actions or prosecutions for theft where the property or services that was
3 the subject of the theft has a value of less than \$500 shall be commenced within 2
4 years after the commission of the offense.

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