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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request - Maryland  
Judicial Conference)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Crimes - Theft Under \$100**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer to issue a citation for the misdemeanor  
4 of theft under \$100; and generally relating to theft under \$100.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Criminal Procedure  
7 Section 4-101(c)(1)(iv)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2001 Volume and 2004 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Criminal Procedure  
12 Section 4-101(c)(2)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Criminal Procedure**

18 4-101.

19 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, in addition to any other  
20 law allowing a crime to be charged by citation, a police officer may issue a citation for:

21 (iv) misdemeanor theft under § 7-104(g)(2) OR (3) of the Criminal  
22 Law Article.

23 (2) A police officer may issue a citation to a defendant if the officer is  
24 satisfied with the defendant's evidence of identity and reasonably believes that the  
25 defendant will comply with the citation.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2 October 1, 2005.