

HOUSE BILL 156

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By: **Delegates Reznik, Barkley, Elliott, Frank, B. Robinson, and M. Washington**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Theft of Wheeled Cart – Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the penalty for the crime of theft of a wheeled cart; and
4 generally relating to theft of a wheeled cart.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Criminal Law
7 Section 7–201
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Criminal Law**

13 7–201.

14 (a) This section applies only to a wheeled cart or other similar device that is
15 clearly marked with the name and address of its owner and if notice of this section is
16 clearly and prominently displayed at each public exit from the grocery store, store, or
17 market that owns the wheeled cart or other similar device.

18 (b) (1) A person may not:

19 (i) without the permission of the owner or agent of the owner,
20 remove a wheeled cart or other similar device provided for the purpose of assembling
21 or carrying purchased materials from a grocery store, store, or market, including its
22 parking facilities;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) damage any wheeled cart or other device owned by the
2 grocery store, store, or market from which the cart was obtained; or

3 (iii) abandon a wheeled cart or other device on the streets or
4 alleys of the State.

5 (2) A person may abandon a wheeled cart or other device on the
6 parking facilities of the grocery store, store, or market from which the cart was
7 obtained.

8 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on
9 conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding [~~\$25~~] **\$100** for each violation.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2013.