

Senate Bill 0533 Criminal Law – Theft of a Handgun

I believe it is time to add to the penalty for theft of handguns. This bill brings to light the fact that a handgun worth in dollars makes it a simple misdemeanor with 6 months or less imprisonment and a fine of \$500 or less. When it is worth so much more when it used in crimes. Stealing a firearm is a serious threat to the community and, as such, well deserving of actual punishment. Just as Armed Robbery is a higher penalty than robbery where no weapon was shown or used, theft of a firearm should have a greater penalty.

Please give this bill a favorable report. I truly believe it addresses an issue our State is struggling to correct.

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