

HB 277 -- ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

SPONSOR: Roberts

This bill specifies that a person commits the offense of organized retail theft if he or she commits a series of thefts of retail merchandise on the premises of a merchant or through the use of the Internet with the intent to return the merchandise to the merchant for value or resell, trade, or barter the merchandise for value in any manner.

The offense of organized retail theft is a class C felony if the aggregate value of the property or services, as determined under the bill, involved in all thefts committed during a 120 day period is between \$1,500 and \$10,000 and a class B felony if such aggregate value is over \$10,000. In addition to any other penalty, the person who violates the provisions of this bill will be ordered to pay restitution.

This bill is the same as HB 1652 (2024) and HB 2697 (2022).