HB 1557 -- OFFENSE OF STEALING

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This bill provides factors that can be used to prove ownership of property as it relates to stealing. In cases where a victim is receiving end-of-life care in a facility or in the victim's home and the victim passes away prior to the filing of a report of a theft, it will be presumed that the consent to ownership of the property located in the facility or the home was not given by the victim to the person accused of stealing the property if the person was responsible for the care of the victim. The person accused of the theft will bear the burden of proving that the victim gave consent.