

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE BILL NO. 2257
(Senator Myrdal)

AN ACT to amend and reenact subsection 5 of section 12.1-23-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to grading of theft offenses of values not exceeding five hundred dollars; and to provide a penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsection 5 of section 12.1-23-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5. a. Theft under this chapter of property or services of a value not exceeding five hundred dollars is a class B misdemeanor for a first offense if:
 - (1) The theft was committed by shoplifting; or
 - (2) The following three factors are met:
 - (a) The theft was not committed by threat;
 - (b) The theft was not committed by deception by one who stood in a confidential or fiduciary relationship to the victim of the theft; and
 - (c) The defendant was not a public servant or an officer or employee of a financial institution who committed the theft in the course of official duties.
- b. The special classification provided in paragraph 2 of subdivision a applies if the offense is classified under this subsection in the charge or if, at sentencing, the required factors are established by a preponderance of the evidence.
- c. A second or third offense under paragraph 1 of subdivision a, or an equivalent ordinance, occurring within three years is a class A misdemeanor. A fourth or subsequent violation under paragraph 1 of subdivision a, or an equivalent ordinance, occurring within four years is a class C felony.
- d. A sentence imposed under this subsection must be accompanied by a written statement by the court providing notice of any offense under this section which provides an enhanced penalty, including the penalty for a subsequent offense.

Michelle L. Strieder
President of the Senate

Roli Weing
Speaker of the House

Shanda Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

Buell J. Rein
Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2257.

Senate Vote: Yeas 46 Nays 0 Absent 1

House Vote: Yeas 76 Nays 13 Absent 5

Shanda Meyer
Secretary of the Senate

Received by the Governor at 3:30 P M. on March 18, 2025.

Approved at 4:44 P M. on March 19, 2025.

[Signature]
Governor

Filed in this office this 20th day of March, 2025,
at 4:02 o'clock P M.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State