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H.P. 1442

House of Representatives, March 5, 2024

An Act to Establish a Minimum Value Threshold for the Class C Crime of Theft by a Repeat Offender

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative SINCLAIR of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representatives: LEE of Auburn, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, Senator: VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

1 Be it enacted b	y the People of the S	tate of Maine as follows:
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Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §353, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 476, §10, is further amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

4 (6) The value of the property is more than \$500 and the person has 2 or more prior 5 convictions for any combination of the Maine offenses listed in this subparagraph or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that of the Maine offenses listed 6 in this subparagraph in another jurisdiction. The Maine offenses are: theft; any 7 8 violation of section 401 in which the crime intended to be committed inside the 9 structure is theft; any violation of section 405 in which the crime intended to be committed inside the motor vehicle is theft; any violation of section 651; any 10 violation of section 702, 703 or 708; or attempts to commit any of these crimes. 11 Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence. 12 Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime; or 13

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15	This bill stipulates that a person with 2 or more prior convictions may not be charged
16	with a Class C crime if the person commits theft of property with a value of \$500 or less.

**SUMMARY**