



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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

**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill**

**Sponsor: Rep. Sinclair of Bath**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - General Fund

Minor revenue decrease - Other Special Revenue Funds

### Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Stipulates that in the case of a Class C crime for theft, if a person has 2 or more prior convictions, the value of the property must be more than \$500. This requirement would reduce the number of people convicted for this crime. It is unclear how many fewer additional individuals will be convicted of a Class C crime who otherwise would have been. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. No appropriations have been reduced in the bill.

There may be some minor reduction of workload associated with the minimal number of felony cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines will decrease General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.