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**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.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

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 by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §353, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 476, §10, is
3 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
6 or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that of the Maine offenses listed
7 in this subparagraph in another jurisdiction. The Maine offenses are: theft; any
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
10 committed inside the motor vehicle is theft; any violation of section 651; any
11 violation of section 702, 703 or 708; or attempts to commit any of these crimes.
12 Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence.
13 Violation of this subparagraph is a Class C crime; or

14 **SUMMARY**

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.