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House Bill 2815

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to the Committee on the Judiciary.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §61-3-13 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to raising the value of goods or chattels that are taken in a larceny to constitute grand
3 larceny.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY.

§61-3-13. Grand and petit larceny distinguished; penalties.

1 (a) If a person commits simple larceny of goods or chattels of the value of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500
2 or more, such person is guilty of a felony, designated grand larceny, and, upon conviction thereof,
3 shall be imprisoned in ~~the penitentiary~~ a correctional facility not less than one nor more than 10
4 years, or, in the discretion of the court, be confined in jail not more than one year and shall be
5 fined not more than \$2,500.

6 (b) If a person commits simple larceny of goods or chattels of the value of less than ~~\$1,000,~~
7 \$2,500, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor, designated petit larceny, and, upon conviction
8 thereof, shall be confined in jail for a term not to exceed one year or fined not to exceed \$2,500,
9 or both, in the discretion of the court.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the monetary value of goods or chattels stolen to be considered grand larceny.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.