

HB 254 -- STEALING

SPONSOR: Crawford

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Civil and Criminal Proceedings by a vote of 9 to 3. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 6 to 2.

This bill changes the laws regarding the crime of stealing to include the appropriating or attempted appropriation of property owned by or in the custody of a financial institution in order to deprive the owner or custodian of the property.

The offense is a class B felony.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will deter theft from financial institutions and give Missouri law enforcement officials more tools to prosecute thieves.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Crawford; Missouri Independent Bankers Association Inc.; Missouri Credit Union Association; and Missouri Bankers Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.