

SB 624 -- STEALING

This bill modifies provisions relating to stealing.

STEALING (Sections 570.010 & 570.030, RSMo)

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.

FRAUDULENT PROCUREMENT OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT DEVICE (Section 570.135)

This bill adds an element to the crime of fraudulent procurement of a credit or debit device. Under the new element, a person commits the class A misdemeanor if he or she knowingly possesses a fraudulently obtained credit or debit device.

Currently, business entities cannot be held liable for accepting fraudulent applications for credit or debit devices or using fraudulent credit or debit devices in transactions without clear and convincing evidence that the business conspired with the fraudulent procuring of the credit or debit devices. The bill specifies that such entities cannot be held criminally liable without such evidence.

This provision of the bill is effective beginning January 1, 2017.