

MAIL THEFT AMENDMENTS

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill increases the penalty for theft of mail valued at less than \$300.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ increases the penalty for theft of mail with a value less than \$300, or with value that cannot be ascertained, from a class B to a class A misdemeanor.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-6-1003, as enacted by Chapter 87, Laws of Utah 1998

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-6-1003** is amended to read:

76-6-1003. Mail theft -- Penalties.

(1) A person commits the crime of mail theft if the person:

(a) knowingly, and with the intent to deprive another:

(i) takes, destroys, hides, or embezzles mail; or

(ii) obtains any mail by fraud or deception; or

(b) buys, receives, conceals, or possesses mail and knows or reasonably should have

known that the mail was unlawfully taken or obtained.

(2) Mail theft is a:

(a) felony of the second degree if the value of the mail is or exceeds \$5,000;

(b) felony of the third degree if the value of the mail is or exceeds \$1,000, but is less than \$5,000 in value; and

(c) class A misdemeanor if the value of the mail is [~~or exceeds \$300, but is~~] less than \$1,000 in value[~~;~~ and] or the value cannot be ascertained.

[~~(d) class B misdemeanor if the value of the mail is less than \$300 in value or the value cannot be ascertained.~~]