

Subd. 2. Upon receipt of a filing fee and a written objection pursuant to the provisions herein, the commissioner shall notify the insurer of receipt of such objection and of the right of the insurer to file a written response thereto within ten days of receipt of such notification. The commissioner in his discretion may also order an investigation of the objection or complaint, the submission of additional information by the insured or the insurer about the action by the insurer or the objections of the insured, or such other procedure as he deems appropriate or necessary. Within 23 days of receipt of such written objection by an insured the commissioner shall approve or disapprove the insurer's action and shall notify the insured and insurer of his final decision. Either party may institute proceedings for judicial review of the commissioner's decision; provided, however, that the commissioner's final decision shall be binding pending judicial review.

Sec. 5. This act is effective January 1, 1972.

Approved June 3, 1971.

CHAPTER 697—H.F.No.1146

An act relating to crimes and criminals; providing sentence for theft; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 609.52, Subdivision 3.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 609.52, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **CRIMES AND CRIMINALS; THEFT; PROSECUTION FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES; SENTENCE.** Whoever commits theft may be sentenced as follows:

(1) To imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the value of the property or services stolen exceeds \$2,500; or

(2) To imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both, if the value of the property or services is more than \$100 but not more than \$2,500; or

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(3) To imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both, notwithstanding the value of the property or services is not more than \$100, if any of the following circumstances exist:

(a) The property is taken from the person of another or from a corpse, or grave or coffin containing a corpse; or

(b) The property taken is a record of a court or officer, or a writing, instrument or record kept, filed or deposited according to law with or in the keeping of any public officer or office; or

(c) The property is taken from a burning building or upon its removal therefrom, or from an area of destruction caused by civil disaster, riot, bombing, or the proximity of battle; or

(d) The property taken consists of public funds belonging to the state or to any political subdivision or agency thereof; or

(4) To imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both, if the property stolen is an article representing a trade secret; or

(5) In all other cases where the value of the property or services is \$100 or less, to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$100, provided, however, in any prosecution under clause (1), clause (2), clause (3) (a) and (c), and clause (4) of subdivision 2 the value of the money or property received by the defendant in violation of any one or more of the above provisions within any six month period may be aggregated and the defendant charged accordingly in applying the provisions of this subdivision; provided that when two or more offenses are committed by the same person in two or more counties, the accused may be prosecuted in any county in which one of the offenses was committed for all of the offenses aggregated under this paragraph.

Approved June 3, 1971.

CHAPTER 698—H.F.No.1177

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An act authorizing the sale of certain lands in St. Louis county by the commissioner of natural resources.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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