

CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 24RS BILL #: HB 95 HCS 1 BR #:472

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. M. Lockett

AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

TITLE: AN ACT relating to theft of services.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 514.060, relating to theft of services, to include the conduct of a person holding the property of another under a rental agreement longer than the period agreed upon and depriving the owner of its use for future rentals.

AMENDMENT: HCS 1 - Retain original provisions, except replace the term "personal property" with "rental equipment" and add that the person must intentionally refuse to pay or abscond without payment, fail to respond within five days after receiving notice by certified mail demanding return, and refuse to make an agreeable payment to a rental agency within 30 days of receipt of a late notice.

This bill amendment committee substitute is expected to:

Have the following Corrections impact

- Creates new crime(s)
- Increases penalty for existing crime(s)
- Increases incarceration
- Reduces inmate/offender services
- Increases staff time or positions
- Changes elements of the offense for existing crime(s)
- Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain):

Have no Corrections impact.

- Repeals existing crime(s)
- Decreases penalty for existing crime(s)
- Decreases incarceration.
- Increases inmate/offender services.
- Reduces staff time or positions.

STATE IMPACT: Class A, B, & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of \$116.93. Community Custody Class C and most Class D felons are housed in one of seventy-four (74) full-service or regional jails for up to five (5) years. Department of Corrections cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in jail is \$44.97 per day, which includes \$35.34 per diem, medical costs, and central office administrative costs (substance abuse treatment not included).*

Projected Impact: NONE MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million) SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

The legislation would likely have a minimal impact on operational costs. The necessary appropriations associated with the costs estimated in this corrections impact statement require a continuation of current service funding for adult correctional institutions.

The expansion of the requirements for theft of services could increase the population of those convicted with Class D in cases where the value is between \$1,000 and \$10,000 or repeat offenses and Class C when the value is over \$10,000.

Class D felons are housed in a county jail and DOC pays counties a per diem for housing those inmates. A Class D Felony sentence is 1 to 5 years. One (1) Class D Felon costs KY \$16,414.05 to \$82,070.25.

Class C felons may still be able to serve their time in a county jail, but only if community custody. A Class C Felony sentence is 5 to 10 years. One (1) Class C Felon costs KY \$213,397.25 to \$426,794.50.

LOCAL IMPACT: Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until the disposition of the case. The estimated impact will be based on the \$44.97 cost to incarcerate for the Department of Corrections, including \$35.34 per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders. This cost to incarcerate may not be the actual housing cost for the jail.*

Projected Impact: NONE MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million) SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

The legislation would likely have a minimal impact on operational costs at the local level. The expansion of the requirements for theft of services could increase the population of the jails however depending on the offender's other convictions.

Misdemeanor offenders are subject to the jurisdiction and cost of the county. A Class B misdemeanor is up to 90 days in jail. One (1) Class B misdemeanant: up to \$4,047.30

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PROJECTED IMPACT FROM AMENDMENTS: NONE MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million) SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

The HCS 1 would have no additional impact beyond the initial legislation.

**All projections are based on the daily rate x 365 days x number of years. The cost to incarcerate as calculated by the Department is shown here as rounded to the hundredths. Offenders may have multiple offenses or be incarcerated on other charges unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise noted, numbers will include inchoate offenses at the underlying offense level.*

The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:

Dept. of Corrections Dept. of Kentucky State Police Administrative Office of the Courts Parole Board Other

NOTE: Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population, lengthen the term of incarceration, or impose new obligations on state or local governments.



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