Approved on: March 2, 2001

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#### MINUTES OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Michael O'Neal at 3:30 p.m. On February 20, 2001 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Karen DiVita - Excused

Committee staff present:

Jerry Ann Donaldson, Legislative Research Department Jill Wolters, Revisor of Statutes Office Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

## HB 2078 - if a minor shoplifts, the parents are liable for a civil penalty up to \$500

The subcommittee recommended a balloon. (Attachment 1)

Representative Loyd made the motion to adopt the balloon. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2078** favorably for passage as amended. Representative Long seconded the motion. With permission of the second Representative Loyd withdrew his motion.

He made the motion to amend in the following language on page 2, line 27, "a claim or judgement under the provisions of this section shall not constitute an obligation or liability against any insurer or third-party payor." Representative DeCastro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2078** favorably for passage as amended. Representative DeCastro seconded the motion. The motion carried 9-6. Representatives Rehorn & Crow asked to be recorded as voting no.

# HB 2079 - theft of property from three businesses as part of the same criminal transaction is a severity level 9, nonperson felony

The subcommittee recommended a balloon. (Attachment 2)

Representative Loyd made the motion to adopt the balloon. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2079** favorably for passage. Representative Patterson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# HB 2080 - unlawful use of possession of a sale receipt or universal product code label

The subcommittee recommended the committee adopt the balloon and recommended that <u>HB 2080</u> be a substitute bill. (<u>Attachment 3</u>)

Representative Loyd made the motion to adopt the balloon. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **Substitute HB 2080** favorably for passage. Representative Long seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### HB 2296 - mandatory sentencing & fines for forgery

The subcommittee recommended a balloon (Attachment 4)

Representative Loyd made the motion to adopt the balloon. Representative Pauls seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Williams made the motion to have no mandatory confinement but keep the fines. Representative Loyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to redraft pg 5 (i) to clarify that unless criminal history provides otherwise this section shall apply. Representative Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Long made the motion to report **HB 2296** favorably for passage as amended. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## HB 2329 - allowing criminal justice agencies access to division of vehicle records

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2329** favorably for passage. Representative Williams seconded the motion.

Representative Loyd made the substitute motion to reference the criminal justice agency definition as found in K.S.A. 22-4701(c). Representative Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Crow made the motion to add "criminal proceedings" to the bill. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2329** favorably for passage as amended. Representative Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### HB 2230 - suspension or revocation of driving privileges

Representative Newton made the motion to report **HB 2230** favorably for passage. Representative Williams seconded the motion.

Representative Newton made the substitute motion to increase DUI fines for:

1<sup>st</sup> offense \$500 - \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$1,000 - \$1,500

3<sup>rd</sup> offense \$1,500 - \$2,500

4th offense \$2,500

<u>Representative Williams seconded the motion.</u> Committee members believed that the most important issue in this bill is the interlock and that if it was combined with an significant increase in fees it would put the bill in jeopardy. <u>The motion failed.</u>

Representative Williams made the motion to increase the fees for reinstatement of a drivers license to:

1<sup>st</sup> reinstatement \$200

2<sup>nd</sup> reinstatement \$400

3<sup>rd</sup> reinstatement \$600

4th reinstatement \$800

Representative DeCastro seconded the motion. With the permission of the seconded the motion was amended to have the reinstatement fees apply only to DUI's. The motion failed 7-8.

Representative DeCastro made the motion to create a class B misdemeanor criminal penalty for refusing to submit to a breath, blood alcohol, or urine test if it has been requested by a law enforcement officer. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Patterson made the motion to include a provision granting law enforcement officers probable cause to request a blood alcohol test to be performed in any cases where a motor vehicle was operated in such a manner to cause serious injury or death. The motion carried.

Representative Loyd made the motion to amend in the provisions of **HB 2135 - increasing evaluation fees** for **DUI's from \$125 to \$150**. Representative Ruff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Klein made the motion to allow undocumented workers who have obtained an internal revenue service individual taxpayer identification number the ability to get a drivers license. Representative Shriver seconded the motion. The motion failed 6-8.

Representative Loyd made the motion to report **HB 2230** favorably for passage as amended. Representative DeCastro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

# <u>HB 2212 - branch banks shall designate an officer as the custodian of records to identify records for evidentiary purposes</u>

Representative Pauls made the motion to report **HB 2212** favorably for passage. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion.

Representative Pauls made the substitute motion to amend in the language of K.S.A. 9-813 which states "any office, agency, or other place of business, at which deposits are received, checks paid or money lent." Representative Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Representative Pauls made the motion to report **HB 2212** favorably for passage, as amended. Representative Lloyd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## HB 2135 - increasing evaluation fee for DUI's from \$125 to \$150

Representative Klein made the motion to delete the provisions of **HB 2135** and amend in language that would allow undocumented workers who have obtained an internal revenue service individual taxpayer identification number the ability to get a drivers license and report the bill favorably. Representative Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2001.

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AN ACT concerning civil actions; relating to shophfting; parents or guardians of minors; amending K.S.A. 60-3331 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: A month of his the Legislature

Section 1. K.S.A. 60-3331 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-3331. (a) Except as otherwise provided, a merchant may file a civil action to Feecive a civil penalty against any adult or emancipated minor who shoplifts from that merchant. If the merchant does not recover the merchandise in merchantable condition, the merchant shall be entitled to a civil penalty for an amount equal to twice the retail cost of the merchandise, or \$50, whichever is greater, but in no case shall such civil penalty be more than \$500. If the merchant recovers the merchandise in merchantable condition, the merchant shall be entitled to a civil penalty of \$50 or 50% of the retail cost of the merchandise, whichever is greater, but in no case shall such civil penalty be more than \$350.

(b) If an unemancipated minor shopliff, the parent or guardien of such minor, shall be civilly liable in an amount of the civil penalty as prescribed in subsection (a) except that the provisions of this subsection shall not apply in cases where the guardian is a state agency

- (c) Unless the action is brought pursuant to the Kansas small claims act and a final judgment is rendered in small claims court, the prevailing party in such action brought pursuant to this section shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs. If the action is brought in small claims court and the judgment is appealed to district court pursuant to chapter 60 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or K.S.A. 61-2709 and amendments thereto, the prevailing party on appeal shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.
- (e) (d) A conviction or a plea of guilty to the offense of the merchandise is not a prerequisite to the filing of a civil action under this section.
- (d) (e) Prior to filing a civil action under this section, a merchant damaged by shoplifting demand that an individual alleged to be civilly liable under this act reimburse such merchant in an amount of the civil penalty as prescribed in subsection (a). Such demand if made shall be

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in writing and may be offered in consideration for the merchant's agreement not to commence a civil action under this section. Such demand shall not contain a threat of criminal prosecution against such individual. Any merchant who makes a demand with a threat of criminal prosecution against such individual shall be precluded from filing a civil action under this section and pursuing any other remedy at law or equity. A demand pursuant to this subsection is not a prerequisite to filing a civil action under this section, but no demand may be made which does not comply with this subsection.

(e) (f) Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to preclude a merchant from pursuing any other remedy at law or equity prior to filing an action under this act.

(f) (g) For purposes of this act, "shoplift" means any one or more of the following acts committed by a person without the consent of the merchant and with the intent of appropriating merchandise to that person's or another's own use without payment, obtaining merchandise at less than its stated sales price or otherwise depriving a merchant of all or any part of the value or use of merchandise:

(1) Removing any merchandise from the premises of the merchant's establishment;

- (2) concealing any merchandise with intent to leave the premises with the merchandise;
- (3) substituting, altering, removing or disfiguring any label or price tag;
- (4) transferring any merchandise from a container in which that merchandise is displayed or packaged to any other container; or
  - (5) disarming any alarm tag attached to any merchandise.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 60-3331 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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# UBCOMMITTEE REPORT 2-19-01 Rep. Ward Loyd, Chairperson, Rep. Patterson and Rep. Pauls

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2080 By Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to theft detection shielding devices; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-3764 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-3764 is hereby amended to read as follows: K.S.A. 21-3764.

- (a) Unlawful manufacturing or selling of a theft detection shielding device is intentionally manufacturing, selling, offering for sale or distributing in any way a laminated or coated bag or device particular to and intentionally marketed for shielding and intended to shield merchandise from detection by electronic or magnetic theft alarm sensor.
- (b) Unlawful possession of a theft detection shielding device is intentionally possessing any laminated or coated bag or device particular to and designed for shielding and intended to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic or magnetic theft alarm sensor, with the intent to commit theft.
- (c) Unlawful possession of a theft detection device remover is intentionally possessing any tool or device designed to allow the removal of any theft detection device from any merchandise with the intent to use such tool to remove any theft detection device from any merchandise without the permission of the merchant or person owning or holding such merchandise.
- (d) Unlawful removal of a theft detection device is intentionally removing the device from merchandise prior to purchase.
- (e) <u>Unlawful possession of a sales receipt or universal product code label is possessing 15 or more fraudulent retail sales receipts or universal product code labels, or any combination thereof, or possessing the device which manufactures fraudulent retail receipts or universal product code labels. A person having possession, custody or control of 15 or more such receipts or labels or such device shall be presumed to possess such items with the intent to cheat or defraud a retailer.</u>
  - (f) Violation of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
  - (f) (g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas criminal code.
    - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-3764 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

#### **HOUSE BILL No. 2296**

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning forgery; amending K.S.A. 21-3710 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4704 and 60-4104 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 21-3710 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-3710. (a) Forgery is knowingly and with intent to defraud:

- (1) Making, altering or endorsing any written instrument in such manner that it purports to have been made, altered or endorsed by another person, either real or fictitious, and if a real person without the authority of such person; or altering any written instrument in such manner that it purports to have been made at another time or with different provisions without the authority of the maker thereof; or making, altering or endorsing any written instrument in such manner that it purports to have been made, altered or endorsed with the authority of one who did not give such authority;
- (2) issuing or delivering such written instrument knowing it to have been thus made, altered or endorsed; or
- (3) possessing, with intent to issue or deliver, any such written instrument knowing it to have been thus made, altered or endorsed.

(b) (1) Forgery is a severity level 8, nonperson felony.

(2) On a second conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be sentenced to not less than 30 days nor more than one year's imprisonment and fined not less than the amount of the forged instruments nor more than \$1,000. The person convicted must serve at least 30 days' imprisonment before the person is granted probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole or is otherwise released.

(3) On the third or subsequent conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be sentenced to not less than 90 days nor more than one year's imprisonment and fined not less than the amount of forged instruments nor more than \$2,500. The person convicted must serve at least 90 days' imprisonment before the person is granted probation, suspension or reduction of sentence or parole or is otherwise released.

In any prosecution under this section, it may be alleged in the containt or information that it is not known whether a purported person is real or fictitious, and in such case there shall be a rebuttable presump-

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- (2) On a first conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be required to serve at least 15 days' imprisonment as a condition of probation, and fined not less than the amount of the forged instrument nor more than \$500.
- (3) On a second conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be required to serve at least 30 days; imprisonment as a condition of probation, and fined not less than the amount of the forged instrument nor more than \$1,000.
- (4) On a third or subsequent conviction of a violation of this section, a person shall be required to serve a least 45 days' imprisonment as a condition of probation, and fined not less than the amount of the forged instrument nor more than \$2,500.

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Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4704 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4704. (a) For purposes of sentencing the following sentencing guidelines grid for nondring crimes shall be applied in felony cases for crimes committed on or after July 1, 1993.

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- (b) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to the sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes. Sentences expressed in such grid represent months of imprisonment.
- (c) The sentencing guidelines grid is a two-dimensional crime severity and criminal history classification tool. The grid's vertical axis is the crime severity scale which classifies current crimes of conviction. The grid's horizontal axis is the criminal history scale which classifies criminal histories.
- (d) The sentencing guidelines grid for nondrug crimes as provided in this section defines presumptive punishments for felony convictions, subject to judicial discretion to deviate for substantial and compelling reasons and impose a different sentence in recognition of aggravating and mitigating factors as provided in this act. The appropriate punishment for a felony conviction should depend on the severity of the crime of conviction when compared to all other crimes and the offender's criminal history.
- (e) (1) The sentencing court has discretion to sentence at any place within the sentencing range. The sentencing judge shall select the center of the range in the usual case and reserve the upper and lower limits for aggravating and mitigating factors insufficient to warrant a departure.
- (2) In presumptive imprisonment cases, the sentencing court shall pronounce the complete sentence which shall include the prison sentence, the maximum potential reduction to such sentence as a result of good time and the period of postrelease supervision at the sentencing hearing. Failure to pronounce the period of postrelease supervision shall not negate the existence of such period of postrelease supervision.
- (3) In presumptive nonprison cases, the sentencing court shall pronounce the prison sentence as well as the duration of the nonprison sanction at the sentencing hearing.
- (f) Each grid block states the presumptive sentencing range for an offender whose crime of conviction and criminal history place such offender in that grid block. If an offense is classified in a grid block below the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be nonimprisonment. If an offense is classified in a grid block above the dispositional line, the presumptive disposition shall be imprisonment. If an offense is classified in grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G, the court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making the following findings on the record:
- (1) An appropriate treatment program exists which is likely to be more effective than the presumptive prison term in reducing the risk of offender recidivism; and
- (2) the recommended treatment program is available and the offender can be admitted to such program within a reasonable period of time; or
- (3) the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by

 promoting offender reformation.

Any decision made by the court regarding the imposition of an optional nonprison sentence if the offense is classified in grid blocks 5-H, 5-I or 6-G shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.

- (g) The sentence for the violation of K.S.A. 21-3411, aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer or K.S.A. 21-3415, aggravated battery against a law enforcement officer and amendments thereto which places the defendant's sentence in grid block 6-H or 6-I shall be presumed imprisonment. The court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making a finding on the record that the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. Any decision made by the court regarding the imposition of the optional nonprison sentence, if the offense is classified in grid block 6-H or 6-I, shall not be considered departure and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (h) When a firearm is used to commit any person felony, the offender's sentence shall be presumed imprisonment. The court may impose an optional nonprison sentence upon making a finding on the record that the nonprison sanction will serve community safety interests by promoting offender reformation. Any decision made by the court regarding the imposition of the optional nonprison sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal.
- (i) The sentence for the violation of the felony provision of K.S.A. 8-1567 and, subsection (c)(3) of K.S.A. 21-3412 and subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3) of K.S.A. 21-3710, and amendments thereto shall be as provided by the specific mandatory sentencing requirements of that section and shall not be subject to the provisions of this section or K.S.A. 21-4707 and amendments thereto. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section, the term of imprisonment imposed for the violation of the felony provision of K.S.A. 8-1567 and, subsection (c)(3) of K.S.A. 21-3412 and subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3) of K.S.A. 21-3710, and amendments thereto shall not be served in a state facility in the custody of the secretary of corrections.
- (j) The sentence for any persistent sex offender whose current convicted crime carries a presumptive term of imprisonment shall be double the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term. The sentence for any persistent sex offender whose current conviction carries a presumptive nonprison term shall be presumed imprisonment and shall be double the maximum duration of the presumptive imprisonment term. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, as used in this subsection, "persistent sex offender" means a person who: (1) Has been convicted in this state of a sexually violent crime, as defined in K.S.A. 22-3717 and amendments thereto; and (2) at the time of the conviction under subsection (1) has at least one conviction for a sexually violent crime, as defined

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- in K.S.A. 22-3717 and amendments thereto in this state or comparable felony under the laws of another state, the federal government or a foreign government. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person whose current convicted crime is a severity level 1 or 2 felony.
- (k) If it is shown at sentencing that the offender committed any felony violation for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, with the specific intent to promote, further or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members, the offender's sentence shall be presumed imprisonment. Any decision made by the court regarding the imposition of the optional nonprison sentence shall not be considered a departure and shall not be subject to appeal. As used in this subsection, "criminal street gang" means any organization, association or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of its primary activities the commission of one or more person felonies or felony violations of the uniform controlled substances act, K.S.A. 65-4101 et seq., and amendments thereto, which has a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, whose members, individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in the commission, attempted commission, conspiracy to commit or solicitation of two or more person felonies or felony violations of the uniform controlled substances act, K.S.A. 65-4101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or any substantially similar offense from another jurisdiction.
- (l) The sentence for a violation of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 21-3715 and amendments thereto when such person being sentenced has a prior conviction for a violation of subsection (a) or (b) of K.S.A. 21-3715 or 21-3716 and amendments thereto shall be presumed imprisonment.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 60-4104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-4104. Conduct and offenses giving rise to forfeiture under this act, whether or not there is a prosecution or conviction related to the offense, are:
  - (a) All offenses which statutorily and specifically authorize forfeiture;
- (b) violations of the uniform controlled substances act, K.S.A. 65-4101 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (c) theft which is classified as a felony violation pursuant to K.S.A. 21-3701, and amendments thereto, in which the property taken was livestock;
- (d) unlawful discharge of a firearm, K.S.A. 21-4219, and amendments thereto;
  - (e) money laundering, K.S.A. 65-4142, and amendments thereto;
- (f) gambling, K.S.A. 21-4303, and amendments thereto, and commercial gambling, K.S.A. 21-4304, and amendments thereto;
- (g) counterfeiting, K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-3763, and amendments thereto;

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- (h) forgery, K.S.A. 21-3710, and amendments thereto;
- (i) an act or omission occurring outside this state, which would be a violation in the place of occurrence and would be described in this section if the act occurred in this state, whether or not it is prosecuted in any state;
- (i) (j) an act or omission committed in furtherance of any act or omission described in this section including any inchoate or preparatory offense, whether or not there is a prosecution or conviction related to the act or omission;
- $\frac{(j)}{(k)}$  any solicitation or conspiracy to commit any act or omission described in this section, whether or not there is a prosecution or conviction related to the act or omission.
- 13 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 21-3710 and K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 21-4704 and 60-4104 14 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.