

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 3, 2025

Subject: Bill Brief for HB 2347 (As Amended by House Committee)

House Bill 2347 changes the culpability required for certain types of theft.

The bill amends K.S.A. 21-5801, the crime of theft. Under current law, one variation of theft is, with intent to permanently deprive the owner of the possession, use or benefit of the owner's property or services, obtaining control over stolen property or services knowing the property or services to have been stolen by another. The bill changes this provision to prohibit obtaining control over stolen property or services knowing, or having reason to know, the property or services were stolen from another.

As originally introduced, the bill would have added a new penalty provision for theft of property that is a motor vehicle of the value of less than \$1,500, making such violation a severity level 10, nonperson felony. This provision was removed by the House Committee on Judiciary.

The bill would take effect from and after publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.