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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 19-138—sHB 7107 (VETOED)**

*Judiciary Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE THEFT OF WASTE VEGETABLE OIL OR ANIMAL FATS**

**SUMMARY:** This act would have increased the penalty for the theft of waste vegetable oil or animal fats valued at \$1,000 or less. It would have done so by classifying the theft of these products as 4<sup>th</sup> degree larceny, which is a class A misdemeanor (see [Table on Penalties](#)).

Under existing law, the theft of up to \$500 of these products is 6<sup>th</sup> degree larceny (a class C misdemeanor), and the theft of more than \$500, up to \$1,000, is 5<sup>th</sup> degree larceny (a class B misdemeanor). Under existing law, the theft of these products valued at more than \$1,000 ranges from 4<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> degree larceny depending on the value of the stolen property.

The act would have defined “waste vegetable oil or animal fats” as used vegetable oil or animal fats being stored by a school, restaurant, institutional cafeteria, or other institution or business for collection and recycling, including conversion into a biodiesel blend.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019