

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 272—ASSEMBLYWOMAN MONROE-MORENO

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Establishes provisions relating to mail theft.
(BDR 15-800)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly
Provides for Term of Imprisonment in County or City
Jail or Detention Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to mail theft; establishing provisions relating to
mail theft; providing penalties; and providing other
matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law describes certain actions which constitute theft. (NRS 205.0832)
Section 1 of this bill provides that a person commits the crime of mail theft if the
person: (1) knowingly, willfully and with the intent to deprive, injure, damage or
defraud another, takes, destroys, hides or embezzles mail or obtains any mail by
fraud or deception; (2) buys, receives, conceals or possesses mail and knows or
reasonably should know that the mail was unlawfully taken or obtained; (3) buys,
receives, conceals or possesses a United States Postal Service key that provides
access to certain mail receptacles, or a counterfeit device or key designed to
provide access to the lock mechanisms of such mail receptacles; or (4) knowingly,
willfully and with the intent to steal the mail inside, damages, breaks open, tears
down, takes or destroys any mail receptacle. **Section 1** also provides that a person
who commits the crime of mail theft is guilty of: (1) if the mail has no monetary
value and does not include the personal identifying information of any person, a
gross misdemeanor; (2) if the mail has monetary value or contains the personal
identifying information of not more than nine persons, a category D felony; or (3) if
the mail contains the personal identifying information of 10 or more persons, a
category C felony. **Section 1** also requires the court to order a person who commits
the offense of mail theft to pay restitution.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 205 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. A person commits the crime of mail theft if the person:

(a) Knowingly, willfully and with the intent to deprive, injure, damage or defraud another:

(1) Takes, destroys, hides or embezzles mail; or

(2) Obtains any mail by fraud or deception;

(b) Buys, receives, conceals or possesses:

(1) Mail and knows or reasonably should know that the mail was unlawfully taken or obtained;

(2) Any key suited to any lock adopted by the United States Postal Service that provides access to any mail receptacle in any neighborhood or apartment panel used for the purpose of centralized mail; or

(3) A counterfeit device or key designed to provide access to a lock described in subparagraph (2); or

(c) Knowingly, willfully and with the intent to steal any mail inside, damages, breaks open, tears down, takes or destroys any mail receptacle.

2. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 is guilty of:

(a) If the mail has no monetary value and does not include the personal identifying information of any person, a gross misdemeanor;

(b) If the mail has monetary value or contains the personal identifying information of not more than nine persons, a category D felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130; or

(c) If the mail contains the personal identifying information of 10 or more persons, a category C felony and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

3. In addition to any other penalty, the court shall order the person to pay restitution.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Mail" means any letter, postal card, parcel, package, bag or other material, along with its contents, that:

(1) Has postage affixed by the postal customer or postal service;

(2) Has been accepted for delivery by the postal service;

(3) The postal customer leaves for collection by the postal service; or

(4) The postal service delivers to the postal customer.



1 (b) *“Mail receptacle” means a mailbox, post office box, rural*
2 *box, letter box, lock drawer or any place or area intended or used*
3 *by postal customers or a postal service for the collection, deposit or*
4 *delivery of mail.*

5 (c) *“Personal identifying information” has the meaning*
6 *ascribed to it in NRS 205.4617.*

7 (d) *“Postal service” means the United States Postal Service or*
8 *a private common mail carrier.*

9 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

