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Short Title: Habitual Misdemeanor Larceny.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT IF A DEFENDANT HAS SEVEN OR MORE PRIOR
3 LARCENY CONVICTIONS, A SUBSEQUENT LARCENY OFFENSE IS A FELONY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-72(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 14-72. Larceny of property; receiving stolen goods or possessing stolen goods.

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8 (b) The crime of larceny is a felony, without regard to the value of the property in
9 question, if the larceny is any of the following:

- 10 (1) From the person.
11 (2) Committed pursuant to a violation of G.S. 14-51, 14-53, 14-54, 14-54.1, or
12 14-57.
13 (3) Of any explosive or incendiary device or substance. As used in this section,
14 the phrase "explosive or incendiary device or substance" shall include any
15 explosive or incendiary grenade or bomb; any dynamite, blasting powder,
16 nitroglycerin, TNT, or other high explosive; or any device, ingredient for
17 such device, or type or quantity of substance primarily useful for large-scale
18 destruction of property by explosive or incendiary action or lethal injury to
19 persons by explosive or incendiary action. This definition shall not include
20 fireworks; or any form, type, or quantity of gasoline, butane gas, natural gas,
21 or any other substance having explosive or incendiary properties but serving
22 a legitimate nondestructive or nonlethal use in the form, type, or quantity
23 stolen.
24 (4) Of any firearm. As used in this section, the term "firearm" shall include any
25 instrument used in the propulsion of a shot, shell or bullet by the action of
26 gunpowder or any other explosive substance within it. A "firearm," which at
27 the time of theft is not capable of being fired, shall be included within this
28 definition if it can be made to work. This definition shall not include air
29 rifles or air pistols.
30 (5) Of any record or paper in the custody of the North Carolina State Archives
31 as defined by G.S. 121-2(7) and G.S. 121-2(8).



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1 (6) Committed after the defendant has been convicted in this State or in another
2 jurisdiction for any offense of larceny under this section, or any offense
3 deemed or punishable as larceny under this section, or of any substantially
4 similar offense in any other jurisdiction, regardless of whether the prior
5 convictions were misdemeanors, felonies, or a combination thereof, at least
6 seven times. If a person is convicted of more than one offense of
7 misdemeanor larceny in a single session of district court, or in a single week
8 of superior court or of a court in another jurisdiction, only one of the
9 convictions may be used as a prior conviction under this subdivision; except
10 that convictions based upon offenses which occurred in separate counties
11 shall each count as a separate prior conviction under this subdivision."

12 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2012, and applies to
13 offenses committed on or after that date.