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Introduced by Representatives Donovan of Burlington, O'Sullivan of
Burlington, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; larceny and embezzlement;
shoplifting; organized retail theft

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a new
crime of organized retail theft.

An act relating to prohibiting organized retail theft

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2575a is added to read:

§ 2575a. ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

(a) A person commits the offense of organized retail theft when he or she
commits the offense of retail theft pursuant to section 2575 of this title and:

(1) he or she acts in concert with two or more persons on one or more
occasions within a period of 180 days; and

(2) the aggregate value of the merchandise obtained has a retail value of
not less than \$2,500.00.

1 (b) A person convicted of organized retail theft of merchandise having an
2 aggregate retail value of not less than \$2,500.00 and not more than \$5,000.00
3 shall be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than \$5,000.00,
4 or both. A person convicted of organized retail theft of merchandise having an
5 aggregate retail value greater than \$5,000.00 shall be imprisoned not more than
6 ten years or fined not more than \$10,000.00, or both.

7 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.