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Brief Title: Penalizing mail theft.

HB 1087 - DIGEST

Declares that a person commits the crime of obstruction of mails if the person intentionally obstructs or delays: (1) The passage of the mail; or

(2) a carrier or conveyance carrying the mail.

Makes obstruction of mails a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that a person commits the crime of destruction of letter boxes or mail if the person knowingly: (1) Tears down or destroys a letter box belonging to another;

(2) breaks open a letter box belonging to another; or

(3) injures, destroys, or defaces mail, belonging to another, that has been deposited in a letter box.

Makes destruction of letter boxes or mail a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that a person commits the crime of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail if the person knowingly: (1) Takes or, by fraud or deception, obtains mail from a mail receptacle, authorized depository, or mail carrier;

(2) secretes, embezzles, or destroys mail;

(3) takes or, by fraud or deception, obtains mail that has been left for collection on or adjacent to an authorized depository or mail receptacle; or

(4) buys, receives, conceals, or unlawfully possesses mail knowing that the mail was taken, obtained, or embezzled.

Declares that a person is guilty of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail in the first degree if he or she possesses mail addressed to five or more different addresses.

Makes mail theft or receipt of stolen mail in the first degree a class B felony.

Declares that a person is guilty of mail theft or receipt of stolen mail in the second degree if he or she possesses mail addressed to four or fewer different addresses.

Makes mail theft or receipt of stolen mail in the second degree a class C felony.