

REFERENCE TITLE: **organized retail theft**

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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# **SB 1333**

Introduced by  
Senator Gray C

**AN ACT**

**AMENDING TITLE 13, CHAPTER 18, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 13-1819; RELATING TO THEFT.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 13, chapter 18, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended  
3 by adding section 13-1819, to read:

4 13-1819. Organized retail theft; classification

5 A. A PERSON COMMITS ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT IF THE PERSON ENTERS OR  
6 REMAINS IN OR ON A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT THEFT AND  
7 ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

8 1. THE PERSON ACTING ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER PERSON  
9 REMOVES MERCHANDISE FROM A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT THROUGH AN EMERGENCY EXIT  
10 WITHOUT PAYING THE PURCHASE PRICE.

11 2. THE PERSON ACTING ALONE OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANOTHER PERSON  
12 INTENDS TO RESELL OR TRADE THE MERCHANDISE FOR MONEY OR FOR OTHER VALUE.

13 3. AN ARTIFICE, INSTRUMENT, CONTAINER, DEVICE OR OTHER ARTICLE IS USED  
14 TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF THE MERCHANDISE.

15 4. THE ACT IS PART OF A CONTINUING CRIMINAL EPISODE. FOR THE PURPOSES  
16 OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "CONTINUING CRIMINAL EPISODE" MEANS THEFT OF MERCHANDISE  
17 WITH A VALUE OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE IF COMMITTED DURING  
18 AT LEAST THREE SEPARATE INCIDENCES WITHIN A PERIOD OF NINETY CONSECUTIVE  
19 DAYS.

20 B. ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT IS A CLASS 5 FELONY.