

HOUSE BILL 197

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME; INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR LARCENY OF A  
FIREARM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 30-16-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963,  
Chapter 303, Section 16-1, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-16-1. LARCENY.--

A. Larceny consists of the stealing of anything of  
value that belongs to another.

B. Whoever commits larceny when the value of the  
property stolen is two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or less is  
guilty of a petty misdemeanor.

C. Whoever commits larceny when the value of the  
property stolen is over two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) but  
not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) is guilty of a

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1 misdemeanor.

2 D. Whoever commits larceny when the value of the  
3 property stolen is over five hundred dollars (\$500) but not  
4 more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) is guilty  
5 of a fourth degree felony.

6 E. Whoever commits larceny when the value of the  
7 property stolen is over two thousand five hundred dollars  
8 (\$2,500) but not more than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is  
9 guilty of a third degree felony.

10 F. Whoever commits larceny when the value of the  
11 property stolen is over twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is  
12 guilty of a second degree felony.

13 G. Whoever commits larceny when the property of  
14 value stolen is livestock is guilty of a third degree felony  
15 regardless of its value.

16 H. Whoever commits larceny when the property of  
17 value stolen is a firearm is guilty of a ~~[fourth]~~ third degree  
18 felony when its value is less than two thousand five hundred  
19 dollars (\$2,500)."