



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB2054

by Rep. David Reis

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/16-23 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Creates the offense of copper theft. Provides that a person commits copper theft when, without the consent of the owner, he or she knowingly obtains or exerts control over property of the owner or aids or assists in obtaining or exerting control over property of the owner consisting of any copper or copper alloy that is manufactured, sold, or used for certain specified purposes. Provides that copper theft is a Class 4 felony for a first offense and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent offense.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by adding
5 Section 16-23 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/16-23 new)

7 Sec. 16-23. Copper theft.

8 (a) A person commits copper theft when, without the consent
9 of the owner, he or she knowingly obtains or exerts control
10 over property of the owner or aids or assists in obtaining or
11 exerting control over property of the owner:

12 (1) consisting of any copper or copper alloy; and

13 (2) which is manufactured, sold, or used as:

14 (A) a telegraph, telephone, cable
15 telecommunications, electric power transmission
16 pedestal, underground residential distribution device,
17 or pole;

18 (B) a telephone, cable telecommunications, or
19 electric power line;

20 (C) a wire or fiber insulator, power supply,
21 transformer, grounding system, transmission or other
22 apparatus, equipment or fixture used in the
23 transmission of telegraph, telephone, cable

1 telecommunications, or electrical power service;

2 (D) equipment related to wireless communications
3 regulated by the Federal Communications Commission;

4 (E) a fixture, including a gutter, downspout,
5 plumbing pipe or fixture; or

6 (F) an irrigation unit including a cable, pump, or
7 power supply.

8 (b) Sentence. Copper theft is a Class 4 felony for a first
9 offense and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent
10 offense.