



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB3014

by Rep. Michael Unes

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/16-1.4 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of theft of recyclable metal. Provides that a person commits theft of recyclable metal when, without the consent of the owner, he or she knowingly obtains or exerts control over property consisting of any recyclable metal as defined in the Recyclable Metal Purchase Registration Law that is manufactured, sold, or used for certain specified purposes. Provides that a person also commits theft of recyclable metal when he or she, in committing theft of recyclable metal, knowingly damages or destroys any property of another by removing or damaging recyclable metal components of that property. Provides differing criminal penalties depending on the value or type of the recyclable metal and where it was acquired.

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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 2012 is amended by adding  
5 Section 16-1.4 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/16-1.4 new)

7 Sec. 16-1.4. Theft of recyclable metal.

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

12 (1) consisting of any recyclable metal as defined in  
13 Section 2 of the Recyclable Metal Purchase Registration  
14 Law; and

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

16 (A) telegraph, telephone, cable  
17 telecommunications, or electric transmission or  
18 distribution equipment including, but not limited to,  
19 wires, transformers, grounds, grounding straps or  
20 wire, poles, pedestals, or underground equipment;

21 (B) telephone, cable telecommunications, or  
22 electric power line equipment;

23 (C) a wire or fiber insulator, power supply,

1 transformer, grounding system, transmission or other  
2 apparatus, equipment or fixture used in the  
3 transmission of telegraph, telephone, cable  
4 telecommunications, or electrical power service;

5 (D) equipment related to wireless communications  
6 regulated by the Federal Communications Commission;

7 (E) a fire hydrant, gutter, downspout, plumbing  
8 pipe, or plumbing fixture;

9 (F) an irrigation unit including a cable, pump, or  
10 power supply;

11 (G) a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning  
12 unit or system, or any component of a heating,  
13 ventilation, or air conditioning unit or system; or

14 (H) a guardrail, manhole cover, historical marker,  
15 or cemetery plaque.

16 (b) A person also commits theft of recyclable metal when he  
17 or she, in committing theft of recyclable metal under  
18 subsection (a), knowingly damages or destroys any property of  
19 another by removing or damaging recyclable metal components of  
20 that property.

21 (c) Sentence.

22 (1) Theft of recyclable metal not exceeding \$500 in  
23 value is a Class 4 felony.

24 (2) Theft of recyclable metal not exceeding \$500 in  
25 value if the theft was committed in a school or place of  
26 worship or if the theft was of governmental property is a

1       Class 3 felony.

2           (3) Theft of recyclable metal exceeding \$500 and not  
3       exceeding \$10,000 in value, is a Class 2 felony.

4           (4) Theft of recyclable metal exceeding \$500 in value  
5       if the theft was committed in a school or place of worship  
6       or if the theft was of governmental property is a Class 1  
7       felony.

8           (5) Theft of recyclable metal exceeding \$10,000 in  
9       value is a Class 1 felony.

10          (6) For the purpose of this Section, "value" means the  
11       sum of:

12           (A) the fair market value of any recyclable metal  
13       unlawfully obtained or controlled under subsection (a)  
14       of this Section;

15           (B) the fair market value of any property damaged  
16       or destroyed under subsection (b) of this Section; and

17           (C) the cost of restoring electric, water, gas, or  
18       other utility service if the theft of recyclable metal  
19       proximately causes an interruption in the utility  
20       service.