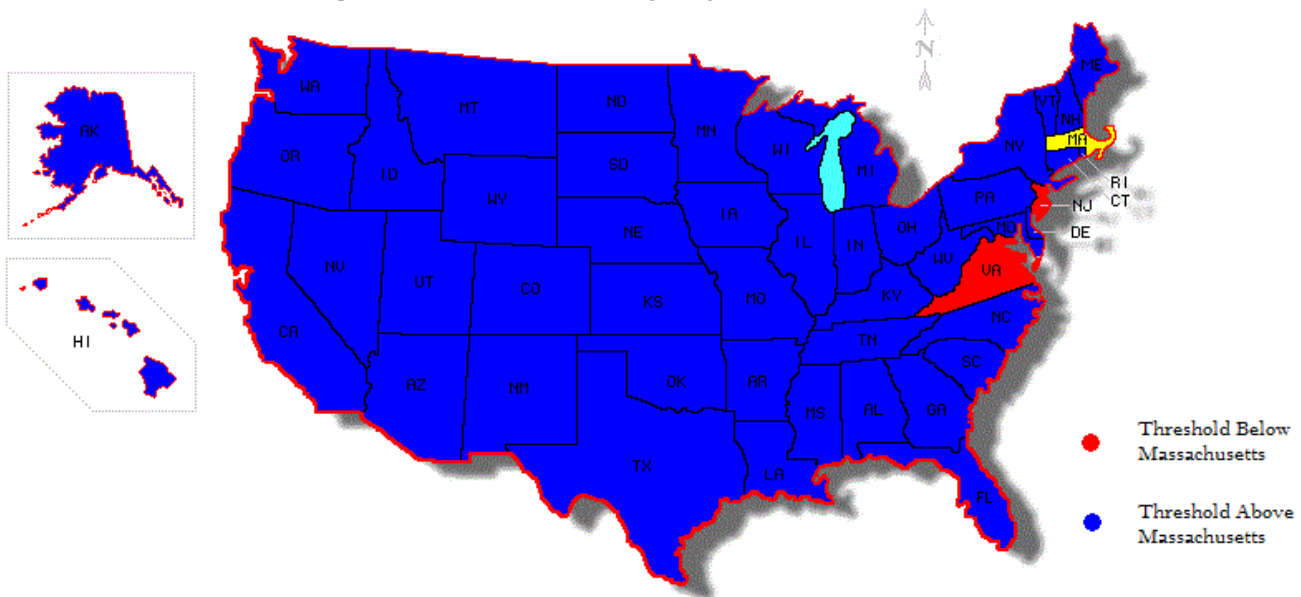


SUPPORT SB 2176 TO INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR FELONY LARCENY

An increase in the amount needed to trigger a felony in larceny related cases in Massachusetts from \$250 is long overdue. The present \$250 amount works an injustice because it captures many low level offenses and makes felons of countless people. A felony record carries a heavy stigma, creates barriers to employment, and contributes to reliance on public assistance. There also is a 10 year waiting period to seal many low level offenses because they are classified as felonies. Increasing the threshold to \$1500 or more would help many young people and numerous others across the Commonwealth who are trapped in a cycle of poverty and unemployment related to what were actually low level offenses.

- Massachusetts is an outlier with an outdated \$250 threshold enacted in the 1980s.
- Every state in the U.S. has a higher amount except New Jersey (\$200) and Virginia (\$200).
- All New England states have higher thresholds for felony larceny than Massachusetts.
 - Maine \$1000 • New Hampshire \$1000 • Conn. \$2000 • Rhode Island \$1500 • Vermont \$900
- Other examples: \$2500 in Texas and Wisconsin. \$2000 in Colorado, Pennsylvania, South Carolina. \$1500 in Delaware, Georgia, Montana, Nebraska, Utah. \$1,000 in Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Idaho, Minnesota, Mississippi, Michigan, Maryland, Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, New York, West Virginia.
- Research has shown that increasing thresholds does not increase crime. Pew Charitable Trust, The Effects of Changing State Theft Penalties (Feb. 2016)

Call the Greater Boston Legal Services CORI & Reentry Project for more information at 617-603-1554



STATES AT \$1,000 OR MORE

ARIZONA

- \$1,000 or more
- A.R.S. § 13-1802

ARKANSAS

- More than \$1,000
- A.C.A. § 5-36-103

COLORADO

- \$2,000 or more
- C.R.S. 18-4-401 (1.5)(f)

CONNECTICUT

- Exceeds \$2,000
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-124

DELAWARE

- \$1,500 or more
- 11 Del. C. § 841

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- \$1,000 or more
- D.C. Code § 22-3212

GEORGIA

- At least \$1,500
- O.C.G.A. § 16-8-12

IDAHO

- Exceeds \$1,000
- Idaho Code § 18-2407

IOWA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- Iowa Code § 714.2

KANSAS

- Exceeds \$1,000
- K.S.A. § 21-5801

MAINE

- \$1,000 or more
- 17 A M.R.S. § 353

MARYLAND

- \$1,000 or more
- Md. Criminal Law Code Ann. § 7-104 (g)

MICHIGAN

- \$1,000 or more
- MCLS § 750.356

MINNESOTA

- \$1,000 or more
- Minn. Stat. § 609.52 Subd. 3. (4)

MISSISSIPPI

- \$1,000 or more
 - Miss. Code Ann. § 97-17-41
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STATES AT \$1,000 OR MORE

MONTANA

- \$1,500 or more
- 45-6-301, MCA

NEBRASKA

- \$1,500 or more
- R.R.S. Neb. § 28-518

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- More than \$1,000
- N.H. Rev. Stat. § 637:3

NORTH CAROLINA

- More than \$1,000
- N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-72(a)

NEW YORK

- Exceeds \$1,000
- NY CLS Penal § 155.00

NORTH DAKOTA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- N.D. Cent. Code, § 12.1-23-05

OHIO

- Exceeds \$1,000
- ORC Ann. §2913.02

OREGON

- \$1,000 or more
- ORS § 164.055

PENNSYLVANIA

- Exceeds \$2,000
- 18 Pa. C.S. § 3903(a.1)

RHODE ISLAND

- Exceeds \$1,500
- R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-41-20

SOUTH CAROLINA

- More than \$2,000
- S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-30

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- S.D. Codified Laws § 22-30A-17

TEXAS

- \$2,500 or more
- Tex. Penal Code § 31.03(e)(4)

UTAH

- Exceeds \$1,500
- Utah Code Ann. § 76-6-412

WEST VIRGINIA

- \$1,000 or more
 - W. Va. Code § 61-3-13
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STATES AT \$1,000 OR MORE

WISCONSIN

- Exceeds \$2,500
- Wis. Stat. 943.20

WYOMING

- \$1,000 or more
 - Wyo. Stat. § 6-3-4
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STATES AT \$500 OR MORE

ALABAMA

- Exceeds \$500
- Code of Ala. § 13A-8-4.

ALASKA

- Exceeds \$750
- Alaska Stat. § 11.46.130

CALIFORNIA

- Exceeds \$950
- Cal. Penal Code § 487

ILLINOIS

- Exceeds \$500
- 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (b)(4)

INDIANA

- \$750 or above
- Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 35-43-4-2

KENTUCKY

- \$500 or more
- KRS § 514.030

LOUISIANA

- \$750 or more
- La. R.S. § 14:67

MISSOURI

- \$500 or more
- § 570.030 R.S.Mo.

NEVADA

- \$650 or more
- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 205.0835

NEW MEXICO

- Over \$500
- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-16-1

OKLAHOMA

- Exceeds \$500
- 21 Okl. St. § 1704

TENNESSEE

- More than \$500
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-105

VERMONT

- Exceeds \$900
- 13 V.S.A. § 2501 Grand larceny

STATES AT \$500 OR MORE

WASHINGTON

- Exceeds \$750
- Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW)
§ 9A.56.040

STATES BELOW \$500

FLORIDA

- \$300 or more
- Fla. Stat. § 812.014

HAWAII

- Exceeds \$300
- HRS § 708-831i

MASSACHUSETTS

- Exceeds \$250
- ALM GL ch. 266, § 30

NEW JERSEY

- \$200 or more*
- N.J. § 2C:20-2(b)(1)(a)

VIRGINIA

- \$200 or more
- Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-95

*\$200 or more can be indicted into Superior Court, NJ's version of a felony.