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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to crimes and offenses; to establish the crime of mail theft; to establish the crime of receiving stolen mail; and to provide criminal penalties for violations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) MAIL. A letter, postcard, package, bag, or other sealed article to which either of the following apply:

a. Is delivered by the United States Postal Service, a common carrier, or a delivery service and has not yet been received by the person to whom it is addressed.

b. Has been left in a location for delivery by the United States Postal Service, a common carrier, or a delivery service.

(2) SENSITIVE PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. The term as defined under Section 8-38-2, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) A person commits the crime of mail theft if both of the following occur:

(1) The person takes mail addressed to another person from the addressee's mailbox or other premises.



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29 (2) The person acts without the effective consent of  
30 the addressee and with the intent to deprive the addressee of  
31 the mail.

32 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,  
33 mail theft is a Class A misdemeanor.

34 (2) Mail theft is a Class D felony if mail is  
35 unlawfully taken from 10-29 addresses.

36 (3) Mail theft is a Class C felony if mail is  
37 unlawfully taken from 30 or more addresses.

38 (d) If it is established that a person committed mail  
39 theft under subsection (b) with the intent to obtain the  
40 sensitive personally identifying information to defraud the  
41 addressee, the person shall be punished as follows:

42 (1) If mail is unlawfully taken from less than 10  
43 addresses, the person shall be guilty of a Class C felony.

44 (2) If mail is unlawfully taken from more than 10 or  
45 more addresses, the person shall be guilty of a Class B  
46 felony.

47 (e) (1) A person commits the crime of receiving stolen  
48 mail if the person intentionally receives, retains, or  
49 disposes of stolen mail knowing that it has been stolen or  
50 having reasonable grounds to believe it has been stolen,  
51 unless the mail is received, retained, or disposed of with  
52 intent to restore it to the owner.

53 (2) A person shall be deemed to have acted with the  
54 requisite intent, knowledge, and belief to commit the crime of  
55 receiving stolen mail if any of the following occur:

56 a. On two separate occasions within a year prior to the



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57 commission of the instant offense of receiving stolen mail,  
58 the person is found in possession or control of stolen mail or  
59 other stolen property.

60 b. The person possesses stolen mail that has recently  
61 been stolen.

62 c. The person regularly buys, sells, uses, or handles  
63 in the course of business property of the sort received, and  
64 acquired the property without making reasonable inquiry  
65 whether the person selling or delivering the property had a  
66 legal right to do so.

67 (3) For purposes of this subsection, the fact that the  
68 person who stole the mail has not been convicted, apprehended,  
69 or identified is not a defense to a charge of receiving stolen  
70 mail.

71 (4)a. Receiving stolen mail is a Class A misdemeanor.

72 b. Receiving stolen mail with sensitive personally  
73 identifying information with intent to defraud the addressee  
74 is a Class C felony.

75 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
76 1, 2025.