

Senate sends Evers bills to create new penalties for retail theft

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The Senate voted to create a mandatory minimum sentence for three or more convictions of retail theft.

Under AB 829, the minimum sentence for a third conviction would be 180 days if the convictions were within a five-year period. The convictions would have to be for acts committed on separate days. It passed via voice vote.

The Senate also approved AB 827, which would create a new penalty for five or more people committing multiple thefts in concert with each other.

Currently, theft carries penalties that range from a class A misdemeanor if the value is \$2,500 or less to a class F felony if the property exceeds \$100,000.

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Under the bill, if it's a theft committed by five or more people at the same time, the value of the total property taken would be aggregated to determine the penalty. It passed 20-12 along party lines.

The bills now head to Gov. Tony Evers.