

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Criminal Justice**

**HB 491 — Theft**

by Rep. Roth and others (CS/SB 776 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Grimsley)

The bill amends s. 812.014(2)(c)7., F.S., to increase the fine from up to \$5,000 to \$10,000 in cases of felony theft of a commercially farmed animal, including an animal of the equine, avian, bovine, or swine class or other grazing animal; or a bee colony of a registered beekeeper.

This fine increase puts these agriculture-related thefts on par with aquaculture species theft which currently requires a \$10,000 fine.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2018.

*Vote: Senate 36-0; House 114-0*