

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

Drafting Number: LLS 13-0291**Date:** January 22, 2013**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Levy
Sen. King**Bill Status:** House Judiciary**Fiscal Analyst:** Erin Vanderberg (303-866-4146)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE TAKING OF NEWSPAPERS.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill relocates the crime of newspaper theft to the section "Offenses Involving Communication" from the section "Theft", and renames the crime "interference with lawful distribution of newspapers". The crime remains a misdemeanor punishable by up to \$1,000 for 100 or less newspapers stolen, \$2,500 for between 100 to 500 newspapers stolen, and \$5,000 for over 500 newspapers stolen. The associated civil statute is amended to reflect the change. The bill will take effect August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Assessment

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It simply moves the crime of newspaper theft from one section of the statute to another, so it does not affect state revenue or state expenditures.

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