

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/HB 429

INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Hudson and others (CS/SB 876 by Criminal Justice Committee and Senator Benacquisto)

SUBJECT: Sudden Snatching

DATE: March 9, 2012

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**Senate Amendment 2 – 589748** (body with title)

**Senate Amendment 3 – 562664** (body)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**Senate Amendment 2** amends an element of the offense of robbery by sudden snatching. As revised, this element requires the taking of money or personal property in the possession of another from his or her person or immediate control.

**Senate Amendment 3** provides that s. 812.131, F.S., the statute involving robbery by sudden snatching, does not apply to theft of merchandise as defined in s. 812.015, F.S. (property displayed, held, or offered for retail by a merchant).