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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to mail theft; creating s. 812.136,
3 F.S.; defining terms; prohibiting a person from taking
4 certain actions regarding unlawfully obtained mail and
5 the unauthorized reproduction of a mail depository key
6 or lock; providing criminal penalties; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 812.136, Florida Statutes, is created to
12 read:

13 812.136 Mail theft.—

14 (1) As used in this section, the term:

15 (a) "Mail" means any letter, postal card, parcel, envelope,
16 package, bag, or any other sealed article addressed to another,
17 along with its contents.

18 (b) "Mail depository" means a mail box, letter box, mail
19 route, or mail receptacle of a postal service, or an office, a
20 mail carrier, or a vehicle of a postal service.

21 (c) "Postal service" means the United States Postal Service
22 or its contractors, or any commercial courier that delivers
23 mail.

24 (2) A person may not:

25 (a) Remove mail from a mail depository or take mail from a
26 mail carrier of a postal service with an intent to steal.

27 (b) Obtain custody of mail by fraud or deception with an
28 intent to steal.

29 (c) Sell, receive, possess, transfer, buy, or conceal mail

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30 obtained by acts described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b),
31 while knowing or having reason to know the mail was obtained
32 illegally.

33 (d) Steal or obtain by false pretense any key or lock
34 adopted by a postal service for a mail depository or other
35 authorized receptacle for the deposit or delivery of mail.

36 (e) Knowingly and unlawfully make, forge, or counterfeit
37 any such key or possess any such key or lock adopted by a postal
38 service with the intent to unlawfully or improperly use, sell,
39 or otherwise dispose of the key or lock, or to cause the key or
40 lock to be unlawfully or improperly used, sold, or otherwise
41 disposed.

42 (3) A person who violates this section commits a felony of
43 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
44 775.083.

45 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.