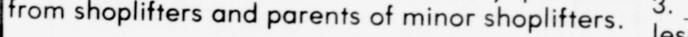
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## SHOPLIFTING IS STEALING. . .

## NEW PENALTIES FOR SHOPLIFTERS

Oregon Law provides a civil penalty of at least \$100 plus criminal prosecution.

The 1979 Oregon Legislature enacted a new civil the stolen merchandise, whether or not recovprocedure and penalties statute which enables ered, up to a maximum of \$500 (\$250 for parents). retail merchants to recover monetary penalties 3. An Additional Penalty. In the amount of not



The law allows the merchant to recover:

1. Actual Damages. In the amount of the retail value of the stolen items if they are not recovered. In the amount of damages to the items if recovered.

less than \$100 nor more than \$250.

This law became effective Oct. 3, 1979. It does not replace the criminal statute which designates most shoplifting as class-A misdemeanors, punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and imprisonment for not longer than one year.

Shoplifters now risk both civil and criminal action. 2. A Penalty. In the amount of the retail value of Both laws are now in force in Oregon.

> Shoplifting is an \$80 million-a-year crime in Oregon and shoplifters cause prices to go up by stealing items that eventually are paid for by the customers.

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