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S.F. No. 2843 – Enhanced Penalties for Certain Thefts (as amended by the A-3 amendment)

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S.F. No. 2843, as amended by the author’s A-3 amendment, provides for higher statutory maximum penalties (see table below) for thefts of a motor vehicle in situations where the vehicle was then used by the thief within 72 hours in furtherance of a felony crime of violence (a defined term in the bill). It also provides that a prosecution or conviction for violating this new crime is not a bar to conviction of or punishment for any other crime committed by the offender as part of the same conduct.

| | Current Law | S.F. No. 2843 |
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| Motor vehicle valued at \$5,000 or less | Five years of imprisonment and/or fine of up to \$10,000 | Ten years of imprisonment and/or fine of up to \$20,000 |
| Motor vehicle valued at more than \$5,000 | Ten years of imprisonment and/or fine of up to \$20,000 | 15 years of imprisonment and/or fine of up to \$30,000 |