

**714.7B Theft detection devices — shield or removal prohibited.**

1. A person shall not intentionally manufacture or attempt to manufacture, sell or attempt to sell, possess, use, distribute or attempt to distribute, a theft detection shielding device.
  2. A person shall not remove or attempt to remove a theft detection device with the intent of committing a theft and without the permission of the merchant who is displaying or selling the goods, wares, or merchandise.
  3. A person shall not possess any tool, instrument, or device with the intent to use it in the unlawful removal of a theft detection device.
  4. For purposes of [this section](#), “*theft detection shielding device*” means any laminated or coated bag or device designed to shield merchandise from detection by an electronic or magnetic theft alarm system or any other system designed to alert a person of a possible theft. “*Theft detection device*” means any electronic or other device attached to goods, wares, or merchandise on display or for sale by a merchant.
  5. A person who violates [subsection 1 or 3](#) commits a serious misdemeanor.
  6. A person who violates [subsection 2](#) commits the following:
    - a. A simple misdemeanor if the value of the goods, wares, or merchandise does not exceed three hundred dollars.
    - b. A serious misdemeanor if the value of the goods, wares, or merchandise exceeds three hundred dollars.
- [2000 Acts, ch 1108, §1](#); [2019 Acts, ch 140, §12](#)