# SUPPORT SB 64 AND SB 844 AND INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR FELONY LARCENY

An increase in the amount needed to trigger a felony in larceny related cases in Massachusetts from \$250 to \$1300 is long overdue. The present \$250 amount works an injustice because it captures many low level offenses and makes felons of countless people. A felony record carries a heavy stigma, creates barriers to employment, and contributes to reliance on public assistance. There also is a 10 year waiting period to seal many low level offenses because they are classified as felonies. Changing the threshold amount to \$1300 would help many young people and numerous others across the Commonwealth who are trapped in a cycle of poverty and unemployment related to what were actually low level offenses.

- > Massachusetts is an outlier with an outdated \$250 threshold enacted in the 1980s.
- > Every state in the U.S. has a higher amount except Ohio (\$150) and Virginia (\$200).
- > All New England states have higher thresholds for felony larceny than Massachusetts.

Massachusetts: \$250

Maine: \$1000

• New Hampshire: \$1000

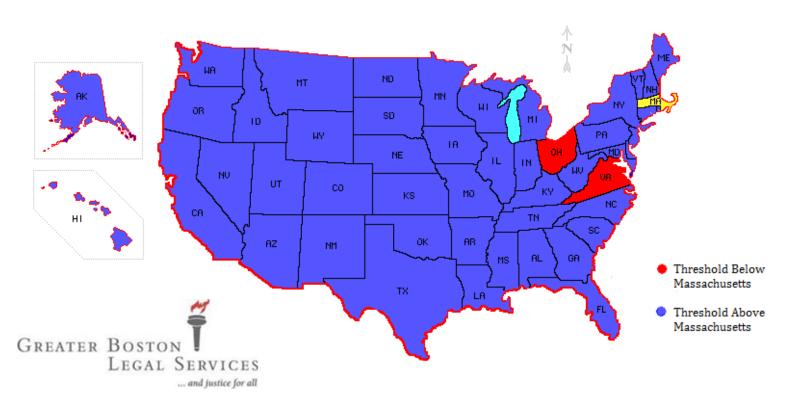
• Connecticut: \$2000

Rhode Island: \$1500

Vermont: \$900

Other examples: \$2500 in Texas and Wisconsin. \$2000 in Colorado, Pennsylvania, South Carolina. \$1500 in Delaware, Georgia, Nebraska, Utah. \$1,000 in Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Idaho, Mississippi, Michigan, Maryland, Kansas, Iowa, North Dakota, Oregon, New York, West Virginia.

Call the Greater Boston Legal Sevices CORI & Reentry Project for more information at 617-603-1554



# STATES AT \$1,000 OR MORE

#### ARIZONA

- \$1,000 or more
- A.R.S. § 13-1802

#### **ARKANSAS**

- More than \$1,000
- A.C.A. § 5-36-103

### **COLORADO**

- \$2,000 or more
- C.R.S. 18-4-401 (1.5)(f)

#### CONNECTICUT

- Exceeds \$2,000
- Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-124.

# **DELAWARE**

- \$1,500 or more
- 11 Del. C. § 841

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

- \$1,000 or more
- D.C. Code § 22-3212

# **GEORGIA**

- At least \$1,500
- O.C.G.A. § 16-8-12

#### **IDAHO**

- Exceeds \$1,000
- Idaho Code § 18-2407

#### IOWA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- Iowa Code § 714.2

#### **KANSAS**

- Exceeds \$1,000
- K.S.A. § 21-5801

#### MAINE

- \$1,000 or more
- 17 A M.R.S. § 353

#### MARYLAND

- \$1,000 or more
- Md. Criminal Law Code Ann.
  § 7-104 (g)

#### **MICHIGAN**

- \$1,000 or more
- MCLS § 750.356

# **MISSISSIPPI**

- \$1,000 or more
- Miss. Code Ann. § 97-17-41

# **NEBRASKA**

- \$1,500 or more
- R.R.S. Neb. § 28-518

# **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- More than \$1,000
- N.H. Rev. Stat. § 637:3

# STATES AT \$1,000 OR MORE

#### **NEW YORK**

- Exceeds \$1,000
- NY CLS Penal § 155.00

#### NORTH DAKOTA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- N.D. Cent. Code, § 12.1-23-05

#### **OREGON**

- \$1,000 or more
- ORS § 164.055

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- Exceeds \$2,000
- 18 Pa. C.S. § 3903(a.1)

#### RHODE ISLAND

- Exceeds \$1,500
- R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-41-20

# SOUTH CAROLINA

- More than \$2,000
- S.C. Code Ann. § 16-13-30

# SOUTH DAKOTA

- Exceeds \$1,000
- S.D. Codified Laws § 22-30A-17

#### **TEXAS**

- \$2,500 or more
- Tex. Penal Code § 31.03 (e)(4)

#### UTAH

- Exceeds \$1,500
- Utah Code Ann. § 76-6-412

### **WEST VIRGINIA**

- \$1,000 or more
- W. Va. Code § 61-3-13

#### **WISCONSIN**

- Exceeds \$2,500
- Wis. Stat 943.20

#### **WYOMING**

- \$1,000 or more
- Wyo. Stat. § 6-3-4

# STATES AT \$500 OR MORE

#### ALABAMA

- Exceeds \$500
- Code of Ala. § 13A-8-4.

# **ALASKA**

- Exceeds \$750
- Alaska Stat. § 11.46.130

#### **CALIFORNIA**

- Exceeds \$950
- Cal Pen Code § 487

# **ILLINOIS**

- Exceeds \$500
- 720 ILCS 5/16-1 (b)(4)

#### **INDIANA**

- \$750 or above
- Burns Ind. Code Ann. § 35-43-4-2

# **KENTUCKY**

- \$500 or more
- KRS § 514.030

#### **LOUISIANA**

- \$750 or more
- La. R.S. § 14:67

#### **MINNESOTA**

- \$500 or more
- Minn. Stat. § 609.52 Subd. 3.(4)

#### **MISSOURI**

- \$750 or more
- § 570.030 R.S.Mo.

#### NEVADA

- \$650 or more
- Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 205.0835

# **NEW JERSEY**

- More than \$500
- N.J. § 2C:20-2 (b)(1)(a)

# **NEW MEXICO**

- Over \$500
- N.M. Stat. Ann. § 30-16-1

# OKLAHOMA

- Exceeds \$500
- 21 Okl. St. § 1704

### **TENNESSEE**

- More than \$500
- Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-14-105

# STATES AT \$500 OR MORE

# **VERMONT**

- Exceeds \$900
- 13 V.S.A. § 2501 Grand larceny

# WASHINGTON

- Exceeds \$750
- Rev. Code Wash. (ARCW) § 9A.56.040

# STATES BELOW \$500

# **FLORIDA**

- \$300 or more
- Fla. Stat. § 812.014

# **HAWAII**

- Exceeds \$300
- HRS § 708-831i

### **MASSACHUSETTS**

- Exceeds \$250
- ALM GL ch. 266, § 30

# **MONTANA**

- \$300 or more
- 45-6-301, MCA

### OHIO

- Exceeds \$150
- ORC Ann. § 2913.02

# **VIRGINIA**

- \$200 or more
- Va. Code Ann. § 18.2-95