Summary
This Act increases the penalties for a theft for a person who has been previously convicted and sentenced for theft on two or more occasions.

Model Bill
Section 1. (Short Title) This act may be cited as the Third Theft Felony Act.

Section 2.
A. Any person who has been previously convicted and sentenced on two or more separate occasions of any grade of theft or related type offense, and who is subsequently arrested for a third theft or related type offense over [enter dollar amount, suggested amount is $50.00] in this or another jurisdiction, shall be charged with a [low class felony].

B. Evidence of prior conviction shall be heard by the court, out of the hearing of the jury, prior to the submission of the case to the jury, and the court shall determine the existence of the prior convictions.

Section 3. (Severability Clause)
Section 4. (Repealer Clause)
Section 5. (Effective Date)