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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill adds felony theft to the definition of "criminal act" under the racketeering laws.
Background:

- Felony-level penalties apply for theft when the value of property stolen is more than $1,000. In certain cases (*e.g*, repeat offenses, vehicle theft), a lower monetary threshold may apply. *See* Minn. Stat. § 609.52, subd. 3, clauses (1) to (3).
- A person is guilty of racketeering if the person is involved with an enterprise that participates in a pattern of criminal activity. A "pattern of criminal activity" is defined as conduct constituting three or more "criminal acts" that are related through a common scheme or shared criminal purpose and are committed within ten years of commencement of the proceeding. The maximum penalty for racketeering is a 20-year felony.