Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

123 rd General Assembly of Ohio

BILL:	**Sub. H.B. 263**	DATE:	**May 25, 1999**
STATUS:	**As Reported by House Criminal Justice**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Cates**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — No local cost**

CONTENTS: **Expands the circumstances that are considered to be evidence of an intent to commit theft of rental property**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill expands the explicit circumstances that may be considered as evidence of the intent to commit theft of rented property. In current law, the following is considered evidence of the intent to commit theft of rented property. (1) At the time of entering into the rental contract, the rentee presented the renter with identification that was materially false, fictitious, or not current with respect to name, address, place of employment, or other relevant information. (2) After receiving a notice demanding the return of rented property, the rentee neither returned the rented property nor made arrangements acceptable with the renter to return the rented property. The above-specified evidence does not constitute the only evidence that may be considered as evidence of intent to commit theft of rented property. This bill would explicitly state that the rentee absconding without paying the rental or the rentee knowingly failing to pay the rental as required by a contract are to be considered evidence of an intent to commit theft of rented property. This bill clarifies, but does not alter what may be considered as evidence. As such, this bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state or local governments.

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