

Proposal mandatory 2 year sentence for anyone convicted of Identity theft.

- Based on a Felony identity theft conviction regardless of whether it is reduced during a plea bargain agreement ie: theft or theft by deception or deceptive business practices.
- Applies to first time offenders
- Conviction must include an underlying felony like manufacture or distribution of controlled drug, similar to federal sentencing guide lines
- Sentences would include no computer or internet access by offender for the duration of their sentence.

Benefits: Puts a spot light on the shadowy world of the identity thief. Faces the crisis head on. Prevents the Criminal Justice System from becoming an educational tool for identity thieves. Currently 3 year deferred sentence is standard sentence for first time offenders.

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