

# STATE OF NEW YORK

2732

2017-2018 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 17, 2017

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to establishing the crime of theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 165.18 to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 165.18 Theft by failure to make required disposition of funds  
4 received.

5 1. A person is guilty of theft by failure to make required disposition  
6 of funds received when he or she obtains property upon agreement, or  
7 subject to a known legal obligation, to make specified payments or other  
8 disposition, whether from such property or its proceeds or from his own  
9 property to be reserved in equivalent amount and he or she intentionally  
10 deals with the property obtained as his or her own and fails to make the  
11 required payment or disposition. Theft by failure to make required  
12 disposition of funds received applies notwithstanding that it may be  
13 impossible to identify particular property as belonging to the victim at  
14 the time of the failure of the actor to make the required payment or  
15 disposition.

16 2. An officer or employee of the government or of a financial institu-  
17 tion is presumed:

18 (a) to know any legal obligation relevant to his or her criminal  
19 liability under this section; and

20 (b) to have dealt with the property as his or her own if he or she  
21 fails to pay or account upon lawful demand, or if an audit reveals a  
22 shortage or falsification of accounts.

23 Theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received is a  
24 class A misdemeanor.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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