

**THE PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Penal Code Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the penalty relating to the offence of theft of stock;  
and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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# A BILL

ENTITLED

**An Act to amend the Penal Code Act.**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

1. This Act may be cited as the Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Penal Code Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

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5 2. Section 282B of the principal Act is amended by the—  
(a) deletion of subsection (3) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment  
of section  
282B

(3) A person who is convicted of an offence under subsection (1)(b) is liable—

10 (a) in the case of a first offence, to imprisonment for a term of not less than seven years; and

(b) in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term of not less than ten years.; and

15 (b) insertion of the following new subsection immediately after subsection (4):

(5) A Court may, in addition to the penalties imposed under this section, order the restitution of stock or produce stolen in accordance with sections 179 and 180 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

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