

ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda-underwritten by global corporations-- includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Theft Using Emergency Exit to Avoid Apprehension or Detection Act

Summary

This act creates additional penalties for someone who commits a theft by use of a designated emergency exit.

Model Bill

Section 1. {Short Title} This act shall be known as the Theft Using Emergency Exit to Avoid Apprehension or Detection Act.

Section 2. {Definitions}

A. "Theft" For purpose of this act, theft shall be defined as *{insert appropriate state statute}*.

B. "Theft by Emergency Exit" For purpose of this act, theft by emergency exit shall be defined as committing a theft by using a designated emergency exit to avoid apprehension or detection.

Section 3. {Penalties} A person who commits theft by emergency exit shall be charged one degree higher than the applicable theft penalty.

Section 4. {Severability clause}

Section 5. {Repealer clause}

Section 6. {Effective Date}

Adopted by ALEC's Criminal Justice Task Force at the Annual Meeting August 9, 2002. Approved by full ALEC Board of Directors September, 2002.

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

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Center for Media
and Democracy's
quick analysis

This is part of a set of bills, favored by corporations, designed to increase criminal penalties for retail theft. This bill creates additional penalties when a person uses an emergency exit in the course of committing a theft, which seems to serve few public safety or public interest goals. This would benefit large retailers such as Wal-Mart, which sits on the ALEC Private Sector board.