

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25239

This bill increases the penalty for the direct or indirect sale of heroin to users when a user of the heroin dies. The penalty under such circumstances becomes second degree murder. As discussed in the Statement of Intent, this law is directed against those who sell this highly addictive and extremely dangerous drug, which is becoming more widely used throughout our state. It is intended to send a strong message to discourage those who would come to our State and sell heroin to our citizens. That message is: You are not welcome.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact on the General Fund unless the Attorney General's help was required. However, any fiscal impact would probably be incurred in conjunction with a prosecution that was alleging other violations as well. There might be an additional expense for necessary experts in an unknown amount.

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