

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26685

This legislation changes current code pertaining to mandatory minimum sentencing provisions for trafficking in controlled substances. It provides for judicial discretion in such sentencing in instances where the prescribed minimum sentence would result in a manifest injustice, and where the prescribed minimum sentence is not deemed necessary for the protection of the public.

FISCAL NOTE

No negative impact to the General Fund or to any other government fund. Cases will still occur and will need to be tried, this act only affects the sentencing process. It is possible there will be savings to Department of Corrections expenditures if judges choose to order shorter sentences in some instances, but such potential savings cannot be quantified at this time.

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