

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26850

This legislation amends Idaho Code 37-2732, adding language to provide that a first-time offender who is convicted of having less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana in the offender's possession shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. If after a finding of guilt the offender voluntarily completes four (4) hours of court approved drug/alcohol education and pays a fine of \$250 or completes eight (8) hours of court approved community service, the charge will become an infraction and court records will so reflect.

FISCAL NOTE

Fiscal impact is expected to be minimal. If the fine amounts are paid, then it will be more likely to generate more money because the present fine in some jurisdictions is less than \$250. It is likely that enactment of this bill will be close to revenue neutral.

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