

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESB 6139

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Increasing penalties for manufacture and delivery of amphetamine.

Sponsors: Senators Oke, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Goings, Rasmussen and Benton.

Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

House Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Amphetamine is a Schedule II drug. A person convicted of manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with the intent to manufacture or deliver amphetamine is guilty of a class C felony ranked at level IV on the sentencing grid (three to nine months for a first offense). A maximum five-year imprisonment and \$10,000 fine is authorized.

Summary: A person convicted of manufacturing, delivering, or possessing with the intent to manufacture or deliver amphetamine is guilty of a class B felony ranked at level VIII on the sentencing grid (21 to 27 months for a first offense). The maximum imprisonment is ten years. The offender is also subject to a fine of no more than \$25,000 for an amount less than two kilograms. For amounts over two kilograms, the fine can be no more than \$100,000 for the first two kilograms nor more than \$50 for each gram over two kilograms. The first \$3,000 of the fines cannot be suspended and are sent to the law enforcement agency responsible for the site cleanup.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	49	0	(Senate concurred)

Effective: June 11, 1998