

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 267

2016 Regular Session

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES: Decreases criminal penalties for certain offenses involving drug paraphernalia

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Substantially rewords proposed law, with the same effect.
2. Makes technical changes.

Digest of Bill as finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the penalties for violations of law regarding the possession, sale, and use of drug paraphernalia.

Present law (which originated as Act No. 295 of the 2015 Regular Session) reduced penalties for the possession of marijuana.

Proposed law reduces the penalties for drug paraphernalia offenses to mirror those of possession of marijuana.

Proposed law provides penalties for a first conviction of a fine of not more than \$300, imprisonment for not more than 15 days, or both. For a second conviction - a fine of not more than \$1,000, imprisonment for not more than six months, or both. For a third or subsequent conviction - a fine of not more than \$2,500, imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

(Amends R.S. 40:1025(A), (B), and (C))