



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1160

January Session, 2001

AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) Notwithstanding any provision of the general
2 statutes, when sentencing a person convicted of a violation of any
3 provision of chapter 420b of the general statutes for which there is a
4 mandatory minimum sentence, which did not involve the use,
5 attempted use or threatened use of physical force against another
6 person or result in the physical injury or serious physical injury of
7 another person, and in the commission of which such person neither
8 was armed with nor threatened the use of or displayed or represented
9 by word or conduct that such person possessed any firearm, deadly
10 weapon or dangerous instrument, as those terms are defined in section
11 53a-3 of the general statutes, the court may, upon a showing of good
12 cause by the defendant, depart from the prescribed mandatory
13 minimum sentence, provided the court, at the time of sentencing,
14 states in open court the reasons for imposing the particular sentence
15 and the specific reason for imposing a sentence that departs from the
16 prescribed mandatory minimum sentence.

17 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*