



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5260

LCO No. 789

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

REP. WITKOS, 17th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA OR SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA.

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

1 That section 21a-267 of the general statutes, concerning the
2 possession of drug paraphernalia, and subsection (c) of section 21a-279
3 of the general statutes, concerning the possession of less than four
4 ounces of marijuana, be amended to classify such offenses as violations
5 punishable by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars, with such fine
6 increasing by one hundred dollars for each subsequent offense.

Statement of Purpose:

To reflect the common court disposition of cases involving possession of drug paraphernalia or small amounts of marijuana, reduce labor and administrative costs for municipalities and the state and generate revenue in the form of fines for the General Fund by making such offenses punishable as violations.