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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF A
SMALL AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective October 1, 2009*) The Department of Mental
4 Health and Addiction Services shall conduct a study to determine
5 whether the decriminalization of the possession of small amounts of
6 marijuana under section 1 of this act results in an increase in drug
7 addiction rates or mental health problems, or both, in this state. Not
8 later than January 1, 2011, the department shall report its findings and
9 recommendations to the joint standing committees of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and
11 criminal law in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
12 general statutes."