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Amendment

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1014 File No. 638 Cal. No. 621

(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CERTAIN
NONVIOLENT DRUG OFFENSES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
4 to study (1) the statutory penalties for possession of a cannabis-type
5 substance, as defined in section 21a-240 of the general statutes, under
6 section 1 of this act and chapter 420b of the general statutes, and (2) the
7 feasibility of enacting legislation to permit the palliative use of
8 marijuana in this state under chapter 420b of the general statutes.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
11 one of whom shall be a physician licensed under the provisions of
12 chapter 370 of the general statutes, selected from a list submitted by

13 the Connecticut Medical Society;

14 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one
15 of whom shall be a physician licensed under the provisions of chapter
16 370 of the general statutes, selected from a list submitted by the
17 Connecticut Medical Society;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
19 Representatives;

20 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

21 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
22 Representatives;

23 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

24 (7) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
25 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
26 relating to the judiciary, or their designees; and

27 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to public health, or their designees.

30 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subsection (b) of
31 this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

32 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
33 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
34 filled by the appointing authority.

35 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
36 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
37 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall
38 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
39 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

40 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
41 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
42 judiciary shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

43 (g) Not later than January 15, 2012, the task force shall submit a
44 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
45 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
46 relating to the judiciary, in accordance with the provisions of section
47 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
48 that it submits such report or January 15, 2012, whichever is later."