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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS - UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Coughlin, Phillips, Jacquard, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 21-28-4.01.1 and 21-28-4.01.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-
2 28 entitled "Uniform Controlled Substances Act" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **21-28-4.01.1. Minimum sentence -- Certain quantities of controlled substances.**

4 (a) Except as authorized by this chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to
5 manufacture, sell, or possess with intent to manufacture, or sell, a controlled substance classified
6 in schedules I or II (excluding marijuana) or to possess or deliver the following enumerated
7 quantities of certain controlled substances:

8 (1) One ounce (1 oz.) to one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a
9 detectable amount of heroin;

10 (2) One ounce (1 oz.) to one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a
11 detectable amount of:

12 (i) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine,
13 ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

14 (ii) Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

15 (iii) Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

16 (iv) Any compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of any of the
17 substances referred to in paragraphs (i) -- (iii) of this subdivision;

18 (3) One gram (1 g.) to ten grams (10 gs.) of phencyclidine (PCP) or one hundred (100) to
19 one thousand (1,000) tablets of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of

1 phencyclidine (PCP);

2 (4) One-tenth of a gram (0.1 g.) to one gram (1 g.) of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) or
3 one hundred (100) to one thousand (1,000) tablets of a mixture or substance containing a
4 detectable amount of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD);

5 (5) One kilogram (1 kg.) to five (5 kgs.) kilograms of a mixture containing a detectable
6 amount of marijuana; or

7 (6) One ounce (1 oz.) to one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a
8 detectable amount of synthetic drugs.

9 [\(7\) One ounce \(1 oz.\) to one kilogram \(1 kg.\) of a mixture or substance containing a](#)
10 [detectable amount of fentanyl.](#)

11 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction,
12 may be imprisoned for a term up to fifty (50) years and fined not more than five hundred
13 thousand dollars (\$500,000).

14 **21-28-4.01.2. Minimum sentence -- Certain quantities of controlled substances.**

15 (a) Except as authorized by the chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess,
16 manufacture, sell, or deliver the following enumerated quantities of certain controlled substances:

17 (1) More than one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
18 amount of heroin;

19 (2) More than one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a detectable
20 amount of:

21 (i) Coca leaves, except coca leaves and extracts of coca leaves from which cocaine,
22 ecgonine, and derivatives of ecgonine or their salts have been removed;

23 (ii) Cocaine, its salts, optical and geometric isomers, and salts of isomers;

24 (iii) Ecgonine, its derivatives, their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers; or

25 (iv) Any compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of any of the
26 substances referred to in paragraphs (i) -- (iii) of this subdivision;

27 (3) More than ten grams (10 gs.) of phencyclidine (PCP) or more than one thousand
28 (1,000) tablets of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of phencyclidine (PCP);

29 (4) More than one gram (1 g.) of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD); or more than one
30 thousand (1,000) tablets of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of lysergic acid
31 diethylamide (LSD);

32 (5) More than five kilograms (5 kgs.) of a mixture containing a detectable amount of
33 marijuana; or

34 (6) More than one kilogram (1 kg.) of a mixture or substance containing a detectable

1 amount of synthetic drugs.

2 [\(7\) One ounce \(1 oz.\) to one kilogram \(1 kg.\) of a mixture or substance containing a](#)
3 [detectable amount of fentanyl.](#)

4 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction,
5 may be imprisoned for a term up to life and fined not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000).

6 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would include more than one ounce of a mixture or substance containing a
2 detectable amount of fentanyl as a controlled substance illegal to possess, manufacture, sell or
3 deliver.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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