

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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McNAUGHTON, WAUGH, STERN, TRUE, HARHAI, PIPPY AND  
L. I. COHEN, OCTOBER 6, 1998

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 6, 1998

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for drug trafficking  
3 sentencing and penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7508(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:  
8 § 7508. Drug trafficking sentencing and penalties.

9 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provisions of  
10 this or any other act to the contrary, the following provisions  
11 shall apply:

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13 (7) A person who is convicted of violating section  
14 13(a)(14), (30) or (37) of The Controlled Substance, Drug,  
15 Device and Cosmetic Act where the controlled substance or a  
16 mixture containing it is heroin shall, upon conviction, be

1 sentenced as set forth in this paragraph:

2 (i) when the aggregate weight of the compound or  
3 mixture containing the heroin involved is at least 1.0  
4 gram but less than 5.0 grams the sentence shall be a  
5 mandatory minimum term of two years in prison and a fine  
6 of \$5,000 or such larger amount as is sufficient to  
7 exhaust the assets utilized in and the proceeds from the  
8 illegal activity; however, if at the time of sentencing  
9 the defendant has been convicted of another drug  
10 trafficking offense: a mandatory minimum term of three  
11 years in prison and \$10,000 or such larger amount as is  
12 sufficient to exhaust the assets utilized in and the  
13 proceeds from the illegal activity;

14 (ii) when the aggregate weight of the compound or  
15 mixture containing the heroin involved is at least 5.0  
16 grams but less than 50 grams; a mandatory minimum term of  
17 three years in prison and a fine of \$15,000 or such  
18 larger amount as is sufficient to exhaust the assets  
19 utilized in and the proceeds from the illegal activity;  
20 however, if at the time of sentencing the defendant has  
21 been convicted of another drug trafficking offense: a  
22 mandatory minimum term of five years in prison and  
23 \$30,000 or such larger amount as is sufficient to exhaust  
24 the assets utilized in and the proceeds from the illegal  
25 activity; and

26 (iii) when the aggregate weight of the compound or  
27 mixture containing the heroin involved is 50 grams or  
28 greater: a mandatory minimum term of five years in prison  
29 and a fine of \$25,000 or such larger amount as is  
30 sufficient to exhaust the assets utilized in and the

1       proceeds from the illegal activity; however, if at the  
2       time of sentencing the defendant has been convicted of  
3       another drug trafficking offense: a mandatory minimum  
4       term of seven years in prison and \$50,000 or such larger  
5       amount as is sufficient to exhaust the assets utilized in  
6       and the proceeds from the illegal activity.

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8       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.