

SENATE BILL No. 237

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 35-50-2-2.2.

Synopsis: Suspension of a sentence for a felony. Provides that a court may suspend only that part of a sentence that is in excess of the minimum sentence for a person convicted of a Level 2 or Level 3 felony who has a prior unrelated felony conviction, other than a conviction for a felony involving marijuana, hashish, hash oil, or salvia divinorum. (Current law provides that a court may suspend any part of a sentence for certain Level 2 and Level 3 felony convictions, including drug related convictions.)

Effective: July 1, 2019.

Freeman

January 3, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.



First Regular Session of the 121st General Assembly (2019)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2018 Regular and Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 35-50-2-2.2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.252-2017,
2 SECTION 27, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2019]: Sec. 2.2. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) **or**
4 (c), ~~(d)~~; **or** ~~(e)~~; the court may suspend any part of a sentence for a
5 felony.

6 (b) ~~Except as provided in subsection (d)~~; If a person is convicted of
7 a Level 2 felony or a Level 3 felony ~~except a Level 2 felony or a Level~~
8 ~~3 felony concerning a controlled substance under IC 35-48-4~~, and has
9 any prior unrelated felony conviction, **other than a conviction for a**
10 **felony involving marijuana, hashish, hash oil, or salvia divinorum**,
11 the court may suspend only that part of a sentence that is in excess of
12 the minimum sentence for the:

- 13 (1) Level 2 felony; or
- 14 (2) Level 3 felony.

15 ~~(e) If:~~
16 ~~(1) a person has a prior unrelated felony conviction in any~~
17 ~~jurisdiction for dealing in a controlled substance that is not~~



1 marijuana; hashish; hash oil; salvia divinorum; or a synthetic
2 drug; including an attempt or conspiracy to commit the offense;
3 and
4 (2) the person is convicted of a Level 2 felony under
5 IC 35-48-4-1.1 or IC 35-48-4-1.2;
6 the court may suspend only that part of a sentence that is in excess of
7 the minimum sentence for the Level 2 felony:
8 (d) If a person:
9 (1) is convicted of dealing in heroin as a Level 2 or Level 3 felony
10 under IC 35-48-4-1 or IC 35-48-4-2; and
11 (2) has a prior unrelated felony conviction;
12 the court may suspend only that part of a sentence that is in excess of
13 the minimum sentence for the Level 2 or Level 3 felony:
14 (e) (c) The court may suspend only that part of a sentence for
15 murder or a Level 1 felony conviction that is in excess of the minimum
16 sentence for murder or the Level 1 felony conviction.

