

House Bill 2610

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (at the request of Donovan and Beth Jackson in memory of Adam Burch)

SUMMARY

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Creates crimes of drug-induced homicide and drug-induced assault. Punishes by maximum of 20 years' imprisonment, \$375,000 fine, or both. Establishes mandatory minimum sentences.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to crime.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) A person commits the crime of drug-induced homicide if:**

5 (a) **The person violates ORS 475.840 or 475.846 to 475.894;**

6 (b) **The violation constitutes manufacture or delivery of a controlled or counterfeit sub-**
7 **stance; and**

8 (c) **The use of the substance causes death to any person.**

9 (2) **Drug-induced homicide is a Class A felony.**

10 (3) **For the purposes of this section, causation is established when the controlled or**
11 **counterfeit substance plays a substantial role in the death of any person.**

12 (4) **When a person is convicted of drug-induced homicide, the court shall impose, and the**
13 **person shall serve, at least the entire term of imprisonment specified in subsection (5) of this**
14 **section. The person is not, during the term of imprisonment, eligible for release on post-**
15 **prison supervision or any form of temporary leave from custody. The person is not eligible**
16 **for any reduction in the minimum sentence under ORS 421.121 or any other statute. The**
17 **court may impose a greater sentence if otherwise permitted by law but may not impose a**
18 **lower sentence than the sentence specified in subsection (5) of this section.**

19 (5) **The presumptive sentence for a person convicted of drug-induced homicide shall be:**

20 (a) **240 months of incarceration if the death was caused by the manufacture or delivery**
21 **for consideration of the substance; or**

22 (b) **144 months of incarceration if the death was caused by the delivery for no consider-**
23 **ation of the controlled substance.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the crime of drug-induced assault if:**

25 (a) **The person violates ORS 475.840 or 475.846 to 475.894;**

26 (b) **The violation constitutes manufacture or delivery of a controlled or counterfeit sub-**
27 **stance; and**

28 (c) **The use of the substance causes serious physical injury, as that term is defined in**
29 **ORS 161.015, to any person.**

30 (2) **Drug-induced assault is a Class A felony.**

31 (3) **For the purposes of this section, causation is established when the controlled or**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 counterfeit substance plays a substantial role in the serious physical injury of any person.

2 (4) When a person is convicted of drug-induced assault, the court shall impose, and the
3 person shall serve, at least the entire term of imprisonment specified in subsection (5) of this
4 section. The person is not, during the term of imprisonment, eligible for release on post-
5 prison supervision or any form of temporary leave from custody. The person is not eligible
6 for any reduction in the minimum sentence under ORS 421.121 or any other statute. The
7 court may impose a greater sentence if otherwise permitted by law but may not impose a
8 lower sentence than the sentence specified in subsection (5) of this section.

9 (5) The presumptive sentence for a person convicted of drug-induced assault shall be 144
10 months of incarceration.

11 **SECTION 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this 2007 Act apply to crimes committed on or after the
12 effective date of this 2007 Act.

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