

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	8 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Barton, Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Tomei, Williamson, Barker
Nays:	Hicks
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Mike Schmidt, Counsel
Meeting Dates:	5/13, 5/20, 5/23, 5/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reduces manufacture of marijuana from a Class A felony to a Class B felony. Reduces possession of 1 to 4 ounces of marijuana to a Class B misdemeanor, or a greater amount to a Class C felony. Makes possession of less than 1/4 ounce marijuana product a Class B misdemeanor, or a greater amount to a class C felony. Provides for violation fine of \$650. Declares and emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for legal middle ground between a violation and felony

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores the violation fine to \$650.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 40 A would put marijuana in line with other Schedule II controlled substances, but breakout marijuana even further by making lesser amounts misdemeanors instead of felonies.