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The current proposed 'probation first' is wrong along with this new "drug enforcement misdemeanor" 'law'. The first possession should require a 'drug treatment program' as a requirement along with an 18 month probation. Treatment needs to be in a controlled environment and should be at least 30 days of incarceration. The current M110 shows that drug users will not voluntarily get drug treatment. This is just another bureaucratic mess that makes it near impossible for drug users to get treatment and for law officers to provide safety to the community. A second violation during probation should move to 6 months of incarceration. Probation should be extended to another 18 months for each violation. Law enforcement needs more dollars to manage this mess.