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HOUSE JUDICIARY ENGROSSED NO. **SB 63** - 2/28/2018

Introduced by: The Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Office of the Attorney General

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain prohibitions regarding methamphetamines
2 and to create a mandatory penalty for a violation thereof.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That the code be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 Except as authorized by this Act or chapter 34-20B, no person may manufacture, distribute,
6 or dispense more than five grams of methamphetamine, a methamphetamine analog or
7 immediate precursor; possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense
8 methamphetamine, a methamphetamine analog or immediate precursor; create or distribute a
9 counterfeit of methamphetamine, a methamphetamine analog or immediate precursor; or
10 possess with intent to distribute a counterfeit of methamphetamine, a methamphetamine analog
11 or immediate precursor. A violation of this section is a Class 3 felony. However, a violation of
12 this section is a Class 2 felony if the person is in possession of three or more of the following:

13 (1) Three hundred dollars or more in cash;

14 (2) A firearm, or other weapon pursuant to §§ 22-14-6, 22-14-15, 22-14-15.1,



1 22-14-15.3, and subdivision 22-1-2(8);

2 (3) Bulk materials used for the packaging of methamphetamine;

3 (4) Materials used to manufacture methamphetamine including recipes, precursor
4 chemicals, laboratory equipment, lighting, ventilating or power generating
5 equipment; or

6 (5) Drug transaction records or customer lists.

7 A first conviction under this section shall be punished by a mandatory sentence in the state
8 penitentiary of at least one year, which sentence may not be suspended. A second or subsequent
9 conviction under this section shall be punished by a mandatory sentence in the state penitentiary
10 of at least ten years, which sentence may not be suspended.

11 The manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of methamphetamine, a methamphetamine
12 analog or immediate precursor to a minor is a Class 1 felony. A first conviction for distribution
13 to a minor under this section shall be punished by a mandatory sentence in the state penitentiary
14 of at least five years, which sentence may not be suspended. A second or subsequent conviction
15 for distribution to a minor under this section shall be punished by a mandatory sentence in the
16 state penitentiary of at least fifteen years, which sentence may not be suspended.

17 Probation, suspended imposition of sentence, or suspended execution of sentence, may not
18 form the basis for reducing the mandatory time of incarceration required by this section.

19 A civil penalty may be imposed, in addition to any criminal penalty, upon a conviction of
20 a violation of this section not to exceed ten thousand dollars. A conviction for the purposes of
21 the mandatory sentence provisions of this chapter is the acceptance by a court of any plea, other
22 than not guilty, including nolo contendere, or a finding of guilt by a jury or court.

23 Section 2. That § 22-42-2.3 be amended to read:

24 22-42-2.3. ~~The sentencing court may impose a sentence other than that which is required by~~

1 ~~§ 22-42-2 if the court finds that mitigating circumstances exist which require a departure from~~
2 ~~the mandatory sentence imposed by § 22-42-2. The court's finding of mitigating circumstances~~
3 ~~allowed by this section and the factual basis relied upon by the court shall be in writing. In the~~
4 case of an offense under section 1 of this Act or § 22-42-2, the court shall impose a sentence
5 without regard to any statutory minimum sentence, only if the court makes written findings that:

6 (1) The defendant does not have a prior violent felony as defined by subdivision 22-1-
7 2(9);

8 (2) The defendant did not use violence or credible threats of violence or possess a
9 firearm or other dangerous weapon in connection with the offense;

10 (3) The defendant did not induce another participant to use violence or credible threats
11 of violence or possess a firearm or other dangerous weapon in connection with the
12 offense;

13 (4) The defendant was not an organizer, leader, manager, or supervisor of others in
14 connection with the offense;

15 (5) The defendant has truthfully provided to the state all information and evidence the
16 defendant has in connection with each offense that was a part of the same course of
17 conduct or of a common scheme or plan. The defendant shall provide any
18 information before the time of sentencing, but the fact that the defendant has no
19 relevant or useful information to provide or that the state is already aware of the
20 information may not preclude a determination by the court that the defendant has
21 complied with the requirement; and

22 (6) The offense did not result in death or serious bodily injury to any person.