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House Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 318

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating 1 2 to presumptions; modifying the rules of evidence to provide rules for 3 presumptions and inferences; replacing the rebuttable presumption of 4 intent to distribute controlled substances with a permissive inference; 5 amending K.S.A. 21-5705 and 60-416 and repealing the existing 6 sections. 7 8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:* 9 Section 1. K.S.A. 21-5705 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-5705. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with 10 the intent to distribute any of the following controlled substances or 11 12 controlled substance analogs thereof: (1) Opiates, opium or narcotic drugs, or any stimulant designated in 13 14 subsection (d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(1), (d)(3) or (f)(1), and amendments thereto: 15 (2) any depressant designated in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4105(e), 16 17 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4107(e), subsection (b) or (c) of K.S.A. 65-18 4109(b) or (c) or subsection (b) of K.S.A. 65-4111(b), and amendments 19 thereto: 20 (3) any stimulant designated in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-4105(f), 21 subsection (d)(2), (d)(4), (d)(5) or (f)(2) of K.S.A. 65-4107(d)(2), (d)(4), 22 (d)(5) or (f)(2) or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 65-4109(e), and amendments 23 thereto: 24 (4) any hallucinogenic drug designated in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 25 65-4105(d), subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4107(g) or subsection (g) of 26 K.S.A. 65-4109(g), and amendments thereto; (5) any substance designated in-subsection (g) of K.S.A. 65-4105(g) 27 28 and subsection (c), (d), (c), (f) or (g) of K.S.A. or 65-4111(c), (d), (e), (f) 29 or (g), and amendments thereto; 30 (6) any anabolic steroids as defined in-subsection (f) of K.S.A. 65-31 4109(f), and amendments thereto; or 32 (7) any substance designated in subsection (h) of K.S.A. 65-4105(h), 33 and amendments thereto. 34 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to distribute or possess with 35 the intent to distribute a controlled substance or a controlled substance 36 analog designated in K.S.A. 65-4113, and amendments thereto.

1	(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to cultivate any controlled
2	substance or controlled substance analog listed in subsection (a).
3	(d) (1) Except as provided further, violation of subsection (a) is a:
4	(A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
5	less than 3.5 grams;
6	(B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
7	least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams;
8	(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
9	least 100 grams but less than 1 kilogram; and
10	(D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 1
11	kilogram or more.
12	(2) Violation of subsection (a) with respect to material containing any
13	quantity of marijuana, or an analog thereof, is a:
14	(A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
15	less than 25 grams;
16	(B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
17	least 25 grams but less than 450 grams;
18	(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
19	least 450 grams but less than 30 kilograms; and
20	(D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was 30
21	kilograms or more.
22	(3) Violation of subsection (a) with respect to material containing any
23	quantity of heroin, as defined by subsection (c)(1) of K.S.A. $65-4105(c)$
24	(12), and amendments thereto, or methamphetamine, as defined by
25	subsection (d)(3) or (f)(1) of K.S.A. $65-4107(d)(3)$ or (f)(1), and
26	amendments thereto, or an analog thereof, is a:
27	(A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the quantity of the material was
28	less than 1 gram;
29	(B) drug severity level 3 felony if the quantity of the material was at
30	least 1 gram but less than 3.5 grams;
31	(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the quantity of the material was at
32	least 3.5 grams but less than 100 grams; and
33	(D) drug severity level 1 felony if the quantity of the material was
34	100 grams or more.
35	(4) Violation of subsection (a) with respect to material containing any
36	quantity of a controlled substance designated in K.S.A. 65-4105, 65-4107,
37	65-4109 or 65-4111, and amendments thereto, or an analog thereof,
38	distributed by dosage unit, is a:
39	(A) Drug severity level 4 felony if the number of dosage units was
40	fewer than 10;
41	(B) drug severity level 3 felony if the number of dosage units was at
42	least 10 but less than 100;
43	(C) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of dosage units was at

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1 least 100 but less than 1,000; and

2 (D) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of dosage units was 3 1,000 or more.

4 (5) For any violation of subsection (a), the severity level of the 5 offense shall be increased one level if the controlled substance or 6 controlled substance analog was distributed or possessed with the intent to 7 distribute on or within 1,000 feet of any school property.

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(6) Violation of subsection (b) is a:

9 (A) Class A person misdemeanor, except as provided in subsection 10 (d)(6)(B); and

(B) nondrug severity level 7, person felony if the substance wasdistributed to or possessed with the intent to distribute to a minor.

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(7) Violation of subsection (c) is a:

14 (A) Drug severity level 3 felony if the number of plants cultivated15 was more than 4 but fewer than 50;

(B) drug severity level 2 felony if the number of plants cultivated was
at least 50 but fewer than 100; and

18 (C) drug severity level 1 felony if the number of plants cultivated was19 100 or more.

(e) In any prosecution under this section, there shall be a rebuttable
 presumption an inference of an intent to distribute if any such an inference
 is supported by the facts and such person possesses the following
 quantities of controlled substances or analogs thereof:

24 (1) 450 grams or more of marijuana;

25 (2) 3.5 grams or more of heroin or methamphetamine;

26 (3) 100 dosage units or more containing a controlled substance; or

(4) 100 grams or more of any other controlled substance.

(f) It shall not be a defense to charges arising under this section thatthe defendant:

(1) Was acting in an agency relationship on behalf of any other party
 in a transaction involving a controlled substance or controlled substance
 analog;

33 (2) did not know the quantity of the controlled substance or34 controlled substance analog; or

35 (3) did not know the specific controlled substance or controlled
36 substance analog contained in the material that was distributed or
37 possessed with the intent to distribute.

38 (g) As used in this section:

(1) "Material" means the total amount of any substance, including a
 compound or a mixture, which contains any quantity of a controlled
 substance or controlled substance analog.

42 (2) "Dosage unit" means a controlled substance or controlled 43 substance analog distributed or possessed with the intent to distribute as a discrete unit, including but not limited to, one pill, one capsule or one
 microdot, and not distributed by weight.

3 (A) For steroids, or controlled substances in liquid solution legally 4 manufactured for prescription use, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit" 5 means the smallest medically approved dosage unit, as determined by the 6 label, materials provided by the manufacturer, a prescribing authority, 7 licensed health care professional or other qualified health authority.

8 (B) For illegally manufactured controlled substances in liquid 9 solution, or controlled substances in liquid products not intended for 10 ingestion by human beings, or an analog thereof, "dosage unit" means 10 11 milligrams, including the liquid carrier medium, except as provided in 12 subsection (g)(2)(C).

(C) For lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) in liquid form, or an analog
 thereof, a dosage unit is defined as 0.4 milligrams, including the liquid
 medium.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 60-416 is hereby amended to read as follows: 60-416. (*a*) A presumption, which by a rule of law may be overcome only by proof beyond a reasonable doubt, or by clear and convincing evidence, shall not be affected by K.S.A. 60-414 or 60-415, *and amendments thereto*, and the burden of proof to overcome it continues on the party against whom the presumption operates.

22 (b) (1) In a criminal case, any presumption or inference against the 23 defendant created by statute or common law, including, but not limited to, 24 a presumption or inference that certain facts are prima facie evidence of 25 another fact or of guilt, is permissive. The trier of fact may accept or reject the presumption or inference in each case, and the judge shall not 26 27 direct the jury to find a fact against the defendant. The judge may instruct 28 the jury on the presumption or inference only if the presumption or 29 inference is supported by the facts.

30 (2) When the judge instructs the jury on a presumption or inference 31 against the defendant, the judge shall instruct the jury that:

32 *(A)* The jury may consider the presumption or inference along with 33 all other evidence in the case;

(B) the jury may accept or reject the presumption or inference in
 determining whether the prosecution has met the burden of proof; and

36 (*C*) the burden of proof never shifts to the defendant.

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Sec. 3. K.S.A. 21-5705 and 60-416 are hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its39 publication in the statute book.