

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

SESSION LAW 2009-463
SENATE BILL 1091

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE TO CLARIFY THAT THE CHARGE OF TRAFFICKING IS BASED ON THE WEIGHT OF THE ENTIRE POWDER OR LIQUID MIXTURE RATHER THAN THE WEIGHT OF THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN THE POWDER OR LIQUID MIXTURE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-95(h)(3b) reads as rewritten:

- (3b) Any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, transports, or possesses 28 grams or more of methamphetamine or any mixture containing such substance ~~or amphetamine~~ shall be guilty of a felony which felony shall be known as "trafficking in methamphetamine" ~~methamphetamine~~ ~~or amphetamine~~ and if the quantity of such substance or mixture involved:
- a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class F felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 70 months and a maximum term of 84 months in the State's prison and shall be fined not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000);
 - b. Is 200 grams or more, but less than 400 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class E felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 90 months and a maximum term of 117 months in the State's prison and shall be fined not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000);
 - c. Is 400 grams or more, such person shall be punished as a Class C felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 225 months and a maximum term of 279 months in the State's prison and shall be fined at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000)."

SECTION 2. G.S. 90-95(h) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

- "(3c) Any person who sells, manufactures, delivers, transports, or possesses 28 grams or more of amphetamine or any mixture containing such substance shall be guilty of a felony, which felony shall be known as "trafficking in amphetamine", and if the quantity of such substance or mixture involved:
- a. Is 28 grams or more, but less than 200 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class H felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 25 months and a maximum term of 30 months in the State's prison and shall be fined not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000);
 - b. Is 200 grams or more, but less than 400 grams, such person shall be punished as a Class G felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 35 months and a maximum term of 42 months in the State's prison and shall be fined not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);
 - c. Is 400 grams or more, such person shall be punished as a Class E felon and shall be sentenced to a minimum term of 90 months and a maximum term of 117 months in the State's prison and shall be fined at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)."



SECTION 3. This act becomes effective September 1, 2009, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of July, 2009.

s/ Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

Approved 12:41 p.m. this 7th day of August, 2009