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## COERCING A MINOR

House Bill 4232  
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Committee: Judiciary

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4232 AS INTRODUCED 2-11-93

Currently, the Public Health Code makes it a felony to solicit or coerce a juvenile to commit a violation of controlled substances law that would be a felony if committed by an adult. It specifies minimum terms of imprisonment from which the court can depart if it finds substantial and compelling reasons for doing so. For most offenses, the mandatory minimum sentence is at least one half of the maximum sentence authorized for the solicited offense. However, when the solicited offense is the manufacture, delivery or possession with the intent to deliver at least 650 grams of narcotics or cocaine, the penalty is mandatory life in prison, which is the penalty for the solicited offense. The provision for minimum prison terms does not apply to the manufacture, delivery, or possession with the intent to deliver of marijuana.

The bill would make the mandatory minimum sentence provisions apply to marijuana offenses. Additionally, the provisions would apply whether or not the person 17 years of age or older knew or had reason to know that the age of the minor was less than 17 years of age.

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