

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB2479 |
| Version: | CS |
| Request Number: | 9162 |
| Author: | Rep. Peterson |
| Date: | 2/22/2016 |
| Impact: | Zero cost to state. |

Research Analysis

The CS to HB 2479 modifies the punishment for possession of most Schedule I or Schedule II controlled substances from a term of imprisonment of not less than 2 years nor more than 10 years to a term of imprisonment of not more than 5 years. The measure provides that a second conviction is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 10 years and a third or subsequent offense is punishable by imprisonment for not less than 4 nor more than 15 years and a fine of not more than \$10,000.

The measure modifies the punishment for a conviction of a second or subsequent possession of Schedule III, IV or V substances, marijuana and certain other substances from not less than 2 years nor more than 10 years to a term of not less than 1 year nor more than 5 years.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB2479 would shorten the amount of time a person must serve for violating certain drug laws. This would result in a possible reduction in costs to the Department of Corrections.

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Other Considerations

None.