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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SENTENCING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 706-659, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"§706-659 Sentence of imprisonment for class A felony.**

4 (1) Notwithstanding part II; sections 706-605, 706-606,
5 706-606.5, 706-660.1, 706-661, and 706-662; and any other law to
6 the contrary, a person who has been convicted of a class A
7 felony, except [~~class A felonies defined in chapter 712, part~~
8 ~~IV, or section 707-702,~~] as provided in subsection (2), shall be
9 sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment of twenty
10 years without the possibility of suspension of sentence or
11 probation. The minimum length of imprisonment shall be
12 determined by the Hawaii paroling authority in accordance with
13 section 706-669.

14 (2) A person who has been convicted of a class A felony
15 defined in chapter 712, part IV, or section 707-702, may be
16 sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment, except as
17 provided for in section 706-660.1 relating to the use of
18 firearms in certain felony offenses and section 706-606.5



1 relating to repeat offenders. When ordering [~~such~~] a sentence,
2 the court shall impose the [~~maximum length~~] following terms of
3 imprisonment [~~which shall be twenty years.~~]:

4 (a) For a class A felony defined in chapter 712, part IV--
5 twenty years or less; and

6 (b) For a class A felony under section 707-702--twenty
7 years.

8 The minimum length of imprisonment shall be determined by the
9 Hawaii paroling authority in accordance with section 706-669."

10 SECTION 2. Section 706-660, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:

12 "(2) A person who has been convicted of a class B or class
13 C felony for any offense under part IV of chapter 712 may be
14 sentenced to an indeterminate term of imprisonment; provided
15 that this subsection shall not apply to sentences imposed under
16 sections 706-606.5[~~7~~] and 706-660.1, [~~712-1240.5, 712-1240.8,~~
17 ~~712-1242, 712-1245, 712-1249.5, 712-1249.6, 712-1249.7,~~] and
18 712-1257.

19 When ordering a sentence under this subsection, the court
20 shall impose a term of imprisonment which shall be as follows:

21 (a) For a class B felony--ten years or less[~~, but not less~~
22 ~~than five years~~]; and



1 (b) For a class C felony--five years or less[, ~~but not~~
2 ~~less than one year~~].

3 The minimum length of imprisonment shall be determined by the
4 Hawaii paroling authority in accordance with section 706-669."

5 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
6 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
7 begun before its effective date.

8 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2908

Report Title:

Sentencing; Drug Offenses; Minimum Terms of Imprisonment

Description:

Removes minimum terms of imprisonment for drug offenders in certain class A, B, and C felonies.

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