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Oppose SABRE's Philosophy of Punishment

Please place your call today and oppose Governor Gilmore's mean spirited drug war legislation.

The proposed bills below must be stopped or amended!

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HB 282 Repeals the three-year disparity rule so that youngsters dealing with their slightly younger peers will be subject to much longer prison terms for selling to minors.

HB 285 and SB 45 & 218 Our own DEA! 210 new state police to pretending to buy or sell, spying and kicking down doors. **SB 218** gives us our own Drug Czar (A department of propaganda and urine testing.) Huge new state agencies to protect us from ourselves!

HB 357 and SB 128 For arbitrarily calculated amounts of drugs estimated to be possessed over long periods of time, mandatory minimum of 20 years to life.

HB 383 and SB 153 Severely increases penalties up to life in prison by reducing the thresholds for being declared a "Drug Kingpin". Arbitrary calculations as in previous bill also apply.

HB 381 & 382 and SB 109 Severely increase mandatory minimum for possession with intent to distribute or transporting drugs into the Commonwealth or in the case of a previous conviction to - up to life.

SB 118 Enacts a change in criminal procedures that would make more work for defense attorneys and result in more drug convictions.

HB 384 and SB 155 Require first time drug offenders to undergo mandatory substance abuse screening and also be forced to undergo constant drug testing . Those who fail will be committed to state mental hospitals. Also allows for felons with any drug history to receive additional punishment.

HB 157 Harsh mandatory minimums add on (i.e., cannot be consecutive) sentence for transporting drug into state (marijuana above 5 lbs)(Medical needs are no exception).

HB 307 Tougher sanctions for simple possession, for mere transportation. Creates a separate offense from the possession of those same drugs.

HB 385 and SB 108 Require mandatory minimum jail time of one year for a drug sale around a school. {This targets young offenders see note at top of list.}

HB 289 & SB 199 Harsh penalties for possession or distribution of drugs in prison. **SB199** applies to marijuana only.

HB 300 Eliminates defense for any concentration or drugs or alcohol found in a driver's blood and is considered under the influence of drugs.

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Virginians Against Drug Violence is a voluntary association of persons interested in a drug policy that is humane and peaceful.