## **Department of Law**



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## SB 32 Classification and Sentencing

## **Highlights**

- *Drug Possession* Makes it a felony to possess the most dangerous controlled substances (*i.e.*, heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine, PCP, etc.).
- *Drug Distribution* Returns distribution of most dangerous drugs to class B and A felonies from the current C and B levels and removes quantity as an element.
- *Methamphetamine Manufacturing and Distribution* Re-enacts the statutes combatting methamphetamine manufacturing and distribution.
- *A Misdemeanor Sentencing* Remove 30-day presumptive sentence for A misdemeanors and returns discretion to judges to impose 0-365 days. Also increases the sentencing range for B misdemeanors from 0-10 days to 0-90 days.
- *Threats* Creates a generalized terroristic threatening statute to address threats of harm even when not a false threat such as school shootings.
- *Felony sentences* Returns felony sentences to where they were before July, 2016.

Felony Level	Current Law	SB 32
Class A	First Felony: 3-6 (20 max)	First Felony: 5-8 (20 max)
	Second Felony: 8-12 (20 max)	Second Felony: 10-14 (20 max)
No.	Third Felony: 13-20 (20 max)	Third Felony: 15-20 (20 max)
Class B	First Felony: 0-2 (10 max)	First Felony: 1-3 (10 max)
	Second Felony: 2-5 (10 max)	Second Felony: 4-7 (10 max)
	Third Felony: 4-10 (10 max)	Third Felony: 6-10 (10 max)
Class C	First Felony: 0-2 (5 max)	First Felony: 0-2 (5 max)
	Second Felony:1-4 (5 max)	Second Felony: 2-4 (5 max)
	Third Felony: 2-5 (5 max)	Third Felony: 3-5 (5 max)

• *Probation Lengths* – Increases the maximum probation length for sex felonies to 25 years and 10 years for all other offenses.

- *Failure to Appear* Removes the 30 day grace period for FTA to ensure better enforcement for defendants appearing in court for the hearings, including trial.
- **DUI Mandatory EM for 1**<sup>st</sup> Eliminates electronic monitoring or house arrest as being mandatory for 1<sup>st</sup> DUI returning discretion back to the commissioner of the department of corrections.
- ASPIN Use At Grand Jury Allows APSIN (rap sheet) to be used at grand jury when an element of the offense requires proof of prior convictions.
- *Enforcement For DNA Of Arrested* Makes it a class A misdemeanor to refuse to provide a buccal swab upon arrest.
- *Involuntary Commitments* Requires the Alaska Court System to transmit information regarding involuntary commitments that have occurred since October 1, 1981 to the Department of Public Safety.