

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/HB 477 (CS/CS/CS/SB 150)

INTRODUCER: Criminal Justice Subcommittee and Rep. Boyd and others (Appropriations Committee; Judiciary Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Steube and others)

SUBJECT: Controlled Substances

DATE: May 4, 2017

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

Senate Amendment 1 – 285990 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

Senate Amendment 1 authorizes a court to depart from a mandatory minimum sentence for trafficking in fentanyl if the court finds that based on the nature of the offense, the defendant's criminal history and character, and the defendant's chance of successful rehabilitation, the imposition of the mandatory minimum is not necessary to protect the public.

The House and Senate bills, in part, punish trafficking in fentanyl, which includes mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment and mandatory fines.