

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2515

Introduced by Assembly Member Donnelly

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 11500 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2515, as introduced, Donnelly. Controlled substances: prosecutions for violations.

Existing law, the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, classifies controlled substances into 5 designated schedules, with the most restrictive limitations generally placed on controlled substances classified in Schedule I, and the least restrictive limitations generally placed on controlled substances classified in Schedule V. Existing law generally provides punishment for the unauthorized use, possession, and sale of controlled substances. Existing law requires, except as provided, the district attorney, or his or her designee, of the county in which a violation is committed to conduct all actions and prosecutions for the violation.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11500 of the Health and Safety Code is
2 amended to read:

1 11500. ~~The~~ (a) *Subject to subdivision (b), the* district attorney,
2 ~~or any person designated by him~~ *his or her designee*, of the county
3 in which any violation of this division is committed shall conduct
4 all actions and prosecutions for the violation.
5 ~~However, the~~
6 (b) *The* Attorney General, or special counsel employed by the
7 Attorney General for that purpose, may take complete charge of
8 the conduct of such actions or prosecutions. The Attorney General
9 may fix the compensation to be paid for the service and may incur
10 ~~such other expense~~ *other expenses* in connection with the conduct
11 of the actions or prosecutions as he *or she* may deem necessary.
12 ~~No~~ An attorney employed as special counsel shall *not* receive as
13 compensation more than three thousand five hundred dollars
14 (\$3,500) in any one year.