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S 727. AMEND DRUG TRAFFICKING SENTENCE. Filed 3/13/07. TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SENTENCE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON CERTAIN PERSONS CONVICTED OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSE.

Amends GS 90-95 to allow a judge to reduce a fine, impose a lesser prison term, or suspend the prison term for drug trafficking when the sentencing judge enters into the record the finding that the person has no prior convictions for crimes involving serious bodily harm, no prior felony convictions concerning controlled substances and the judge finds that the person did not: (1) possess a firearm during the commission of the offenses; (2) played a minimal role in the drug scheme; (3) carried out the offense at the direction of another; and (4) stood to receive substantially less pecuniary gain than the person directing the commission of the offense. Effective December 1, 2007.

Intro. by Kinnaird.

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