

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB1933
Version:	POLREC
Request Number:	12749
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Impact:	AOC: Budget Neutral
	DOC: Minimal

Research Analysis

The policy committee recommendation to HB 1933 prohibits the ingestion of nitrous oxide for the purpose of inducing intoxication and makes it unlawful to possess, buy sell or transfer nitrous oxide for the purpose of inducing intoxication. Violation is misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of \$5,000 or both. Any person who sells or possesses more than 16 grams of nitrous oxide is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a fine of \$5,000 or both. Any person over the age of 21 who sells or gives any person under the age of 18 any drug paraphernalia is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by up to 1 year in jail, a fine of up to \$7,500 or both and a business may have their license suspended for such sales.

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Fiscal Analysis

The POLREC to HB1933 creates in statute a new crime related to the sale and abuse of nitrous oxide, and sets forth penalties for such offenses. Depending on the offense, penalties range from imprisonment up to 1 year, a fine up to \$5000, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any resulting change to the revenues collected by the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) or change in the costs incurred by the Department of Corrections (DOC) are expected to be immaterial and/or absorbed by the agencies. Therefore, this measure in its current form is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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Other Considerations

None.