Factors Considered by Commission

- Need for aggressive law enforcement
- Dangers associated with ecstasy offenses
- Rapidly growing incidence of abuse
- Threat to public safety
- Recent increase in illegal importation
- Young age at which children are beginning use
- Marketing to youth
- Large number of doses per gram of ecstasy
Federal MDMA/Ecstasy Trafficking Cases Over Time

Fiscal Year 1992 - Fiscal Year 2000

Fiscal Year 2000 data is preliminary.
## MDMA Trafficking Pattern

Information Provided By Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

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Number of MDMA Pills Equating to a 5-Year Sentence

Future Penalty: 200 G of MDMA Equals 5-Year Sentence

Current Penalty

Future Penalty

5-Year Penalty is Triggered by 1,329% Fewer Pills Under Future Penalty Structure

Penalties are based on offense level of drugs only and assume Criminal History Category I.

The Commission’s Sentence and Prison Impact Model used FY99 data for this projection. Current and new sentences are based on cases which were affected by this proposed change.