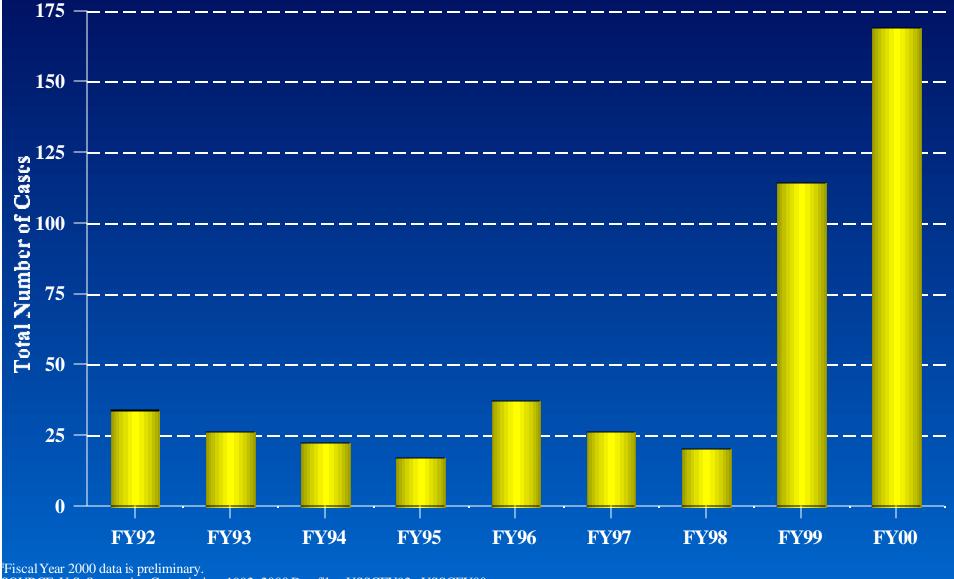
Factors Considered by Commission

PNeed for aggressive law enforcement **P**Dangers associated with ecstasy offenses PRapidly growing incidence of abuse **P** Threat to public safety P Recent increase in illegal importation **P** Young age at which children are beginning use **P** Marketing to youth PLarge number of doses per gram of ecstasy

Federal MDMA/Ecstasy Trafficking Cases Over Time

Fiscal Year 1992 - Fiscal Year 2000¹



SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1992-2000 Datafiles, USSCFY92 - USSCFY00.

MDMA Trafficking Pattern

Information Provided By Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Distribution Level	Number of Pills
Importers	50,000 to 100,000
Upper-middle-level Distributers	5,000 to 10,000
Local Distributers	500 to 1,000
Hand-to-hand Dealers at a Rave	50 to 100

Number of MDMA Pills Equating to a 5-Year Sentence

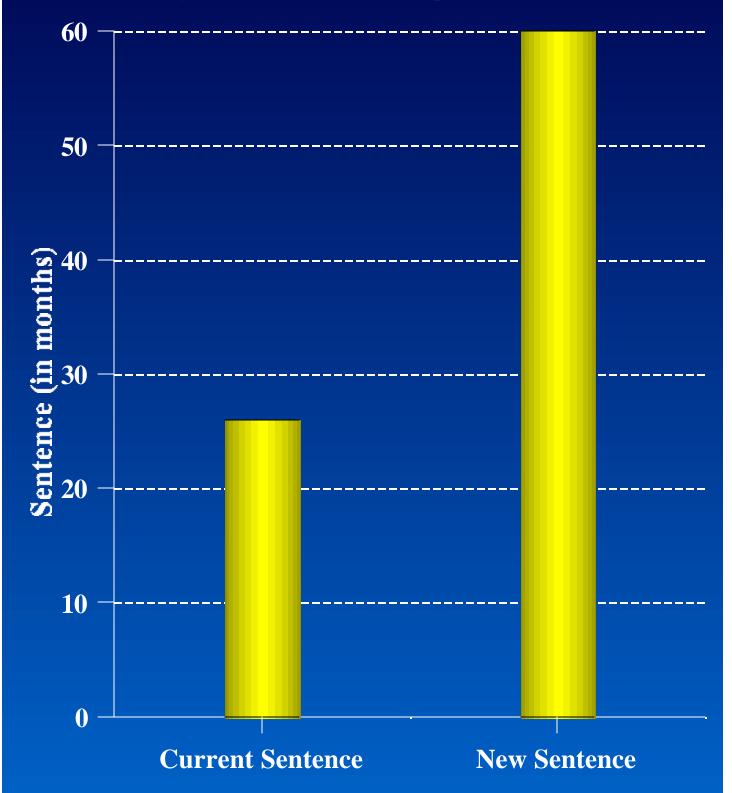
Future Penalty: 200 G of MDMA Equals 5-Year Sentence



SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Current Average Sentence vs. New Average Sentence

Future Penalty: 200 G of MDMA Equals 5-Year Sentence¹



¹The 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. SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1999 Datafile, USSCFY99.