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## Controlled Substances/Drug Control

Florida continues to work to solve its opioid epidemic. Treatment and recovery support services are needed for those who are addicted to drugs, but enhanced tools are needed to hold drug dealers accountable for their criminal actions that are flooding our communities with deadly drugs. SB 190 and HB 95 will make important changes to hold those that supply controlled substances and illegal drugs to users accountable, while also protecting recovering addicts who are seeking treatment at a drug treatment facility.

- Modify the current law of unlawful killing of a person by distribution of a controlled substance by changing “proximate cause” of death to “have caused, or is proven to have been a substantial factor in producing” the death of the user. This change will modernize current law to ensure drug dealers who cause or contribute to a person’s death from the drugs they sell can be charged with murder.
- Include Methamphetamines as a substance in the murder statute.
- Enhance penalties for selling or distributing controlled substances within 1,000 feet of drug treatment clinics by increasing the penalty to a first-degree felony to sell or distribute controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a drug treatment clinic, recovery residence (sober homes) or any facility that provides treatment to recovering addicts. Florida already has laws in place prohibiting the sale of drugs within 1,000 feet of schools and day care centers. Substance abuse treatment centers should also be included in this list.

**Support SB 190 Sen. Brodeur and HB 95 Rep. Plakon**



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