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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill (1) expands acts constituting adulteration to include intentionally adding a substance knowing it is capable of causing death or bodily harm, (2) increases the penalties when adulteration results in death or bodily harm, and (3) adds penalties for adulteration that does not cause bodily harm.

### Section

- 1 Acts constituting.** Under current law, a person who adulterates a substance with intent to cause death, bodily harm or illness and knowing that the adulteration **will** cause death, bodily harm or illness commits a felony punishable by up to 40 years if death results or up to five years if other bodily injury results. This section expands prohibited conduct to include intentional adulteration knowing that the substance added **is capable of causing** death, bodily harm or illness. This section also:
  - increases the penalty for adulteration that results in death by adding a \$100,000 fine,
  - increases the penalty to ten years in prison and a \$20,000 fine when adulteration results in bodily harm ,and
  - adds a penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for adulteration without bodily harm.
- 2 Effective date.** August 1, 1999 for crimes committed on or after that date.