

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.H.B. 1424  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

C.S.H.B. 1424 amends current law relating to increasing penalties for defendants convicted of the manufacture or delivery of certain controlled substances.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 481.119(a), Health and Safety Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that an offense under this subsection (providing that a person commits an offense if the person knowingly manufactures, delivers, or possesses with the intent to deliver certain controlled substances) is a Class A misdemeanor, except that the offense is:

(1) a state jail felony, if the person has been previously convicted of an offense under this subsection; or

(2) a felony of the third degree, if the person has been previously convicted two or more times of an offense under this subsection.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.