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(A) -- IN THIS SECTION A PERSON IS A LEADER OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK IF:

(1) -- THE PERSON CONSPIRES WITH 10 OR MORE OTHER PERSONS TO ENGAGE FOR PROFIT IN A SCHEME OR COURSE OF CONDUCT TO UNLAWFULLY MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, BRING INTO, OR TRANSPORT IN THIS STATE ANY CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE, AND

(2) -- THE PERSON OCCUPIES A POSITION OF AN ORGANIZER, SUPERVISOR, FINANCIER, OR MANAGER IN SUCH SCHEME OR COURSE OF CONDUCT.

(B) -- A PERSON MAY NOT BE A LEADER OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK.

(C) (1) -- ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL BE SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT DURING WHICH THE PERSON MUST SERVE 25 YEARS BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE, AND BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 OR 5 TIMES THE STREET VALUE OF THE CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER OR BOTH. NEITHER THE SENTENCE NOR ANY PART OF IT MAY BE SUSPENDED.

(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "DRUG KINGPIN" MEANS A PERSON WHO OCCUPIES A POSITION OF AN ORGANIZER, SUPERVISOR, FINANCIER, OR MANAGER AS A COCONSPIRATOR IN A CONSPIRACY TO MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, BRING INTO, OR TRANSPORT IN THE STATE CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

(2) A DRUG KINGPIN WHO CONSPIRES TO MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, DISPENSE, BRING INTO, OR TRANSPORT IN THE STATE CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES IN ONE OR MORE OF THE AMOUNTS DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN 10 20 NOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE, AND IT IS MANDATORY ON THE COURT TO IMPOSE NO LESS THAN 10 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE SUSPENDED; AND

(II) A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$500,000 \$1,000,000.

(2) (3) THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 292 AND 641 OF THIS ARTICLE ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO A CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION SUBSECTION.

(3) (4) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBHEADING, A CONVICTION OF A LEADER OF A DRUG TRAFFICKING NETWORK UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT MERGE WITH THE CONVICTION FOR ANY OFFENSE WHICH IS THE OBJECT OF THE CONSPIRACY.