

1 [Support for Senate Bill 791.]

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3 **Resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 791 introduced by Senator**  
4 **Bruce McPherson, relating to an act to amend Section 11357 of the Health and Safety**  
5 **Code, relating to controlled substances.**

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7 WHEREAS, The possession of less than an ounce of marijuana was essentially  
8 decriminalized in 1975 by a bill introduced by the late Senator George Moscone, which made  
9 its possession a misdemeanor and punishable with a \$100 fine;

10 WHEREAS, Most misdemeanors carry maximum fines of six months in jail or a \$1,000  
11 fines and simple possession jury trials cost \$4,500 per day; and,

12 WHEREAS, Unlike misdemeanors, infractions do not become part of a person's  
13 criminal record, and many law enforcement jurisdictions do not record misdemeanor  
14 marijuana possessions because of the small fine; and,

15 WHEREAS, Senator Bruce McPherson recently introduced Senate Bill 791, with  
16 amendments to allow for a judge or a prosecutor to treat a second possession offense as a  
17 misdemeanor in order to avoid the possibility that an infraction would preclude treatment  
18 under the provisions of Proposition 36; and,

19 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 791 is essentially aimed at reducing court time by reclassifying  
20 possession; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby support the  
22 passage of Senate Bill 791; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby ask  
24 that copies of this legislation be sent to our state representatives and His Honor the Mayor,  
25 with instructions that all actions be taken for its successful passage.



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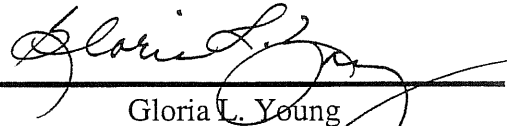
Resolution urging the State Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 791 introduced by Senator Bruce McPherson, relating to an act to amend Section 11357 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

June 11, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

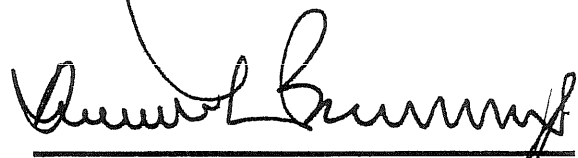
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 11, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.