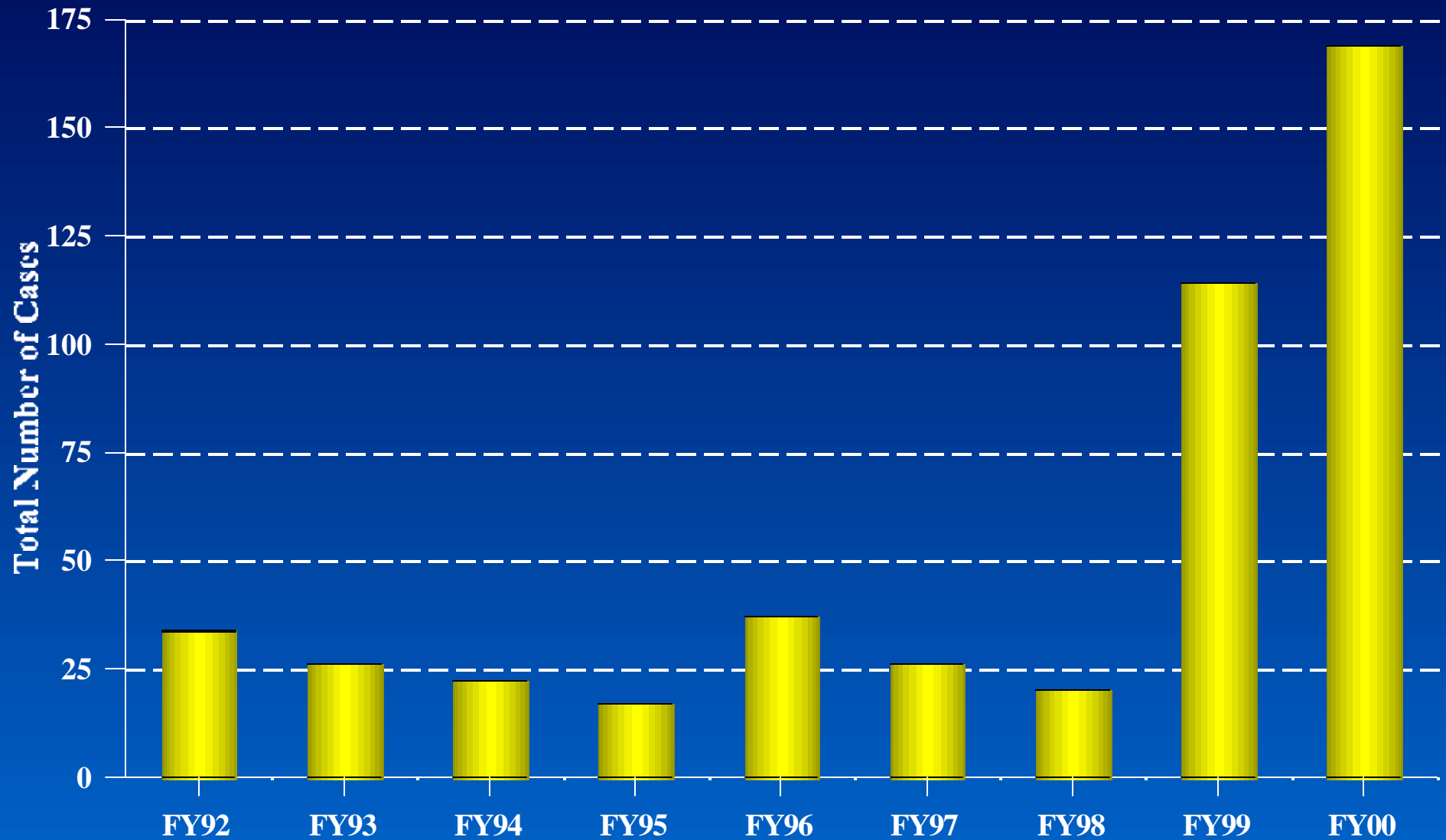


Factors Considered by Commission

- P Need for aggressive law enforcement
- P Dangers associated with ecstasy offenses
- P Rapidly growing incidence of abuse
- P Threat to public safety
- P Recent increase in illegal importation
- P Young age at which children are beginning use
- P Marketing to youth
- P Large number of doses per gram of ecstasy

Federal MDMA/Ecstasy Trafficking Cases Over Time

Fiscal Year 1992 - Fiscal Year 2000 ¹



¹Fiscal Year 2000 data is preliminary.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1992-2000 Datafiles, USSCFY92 - USSCFY00.

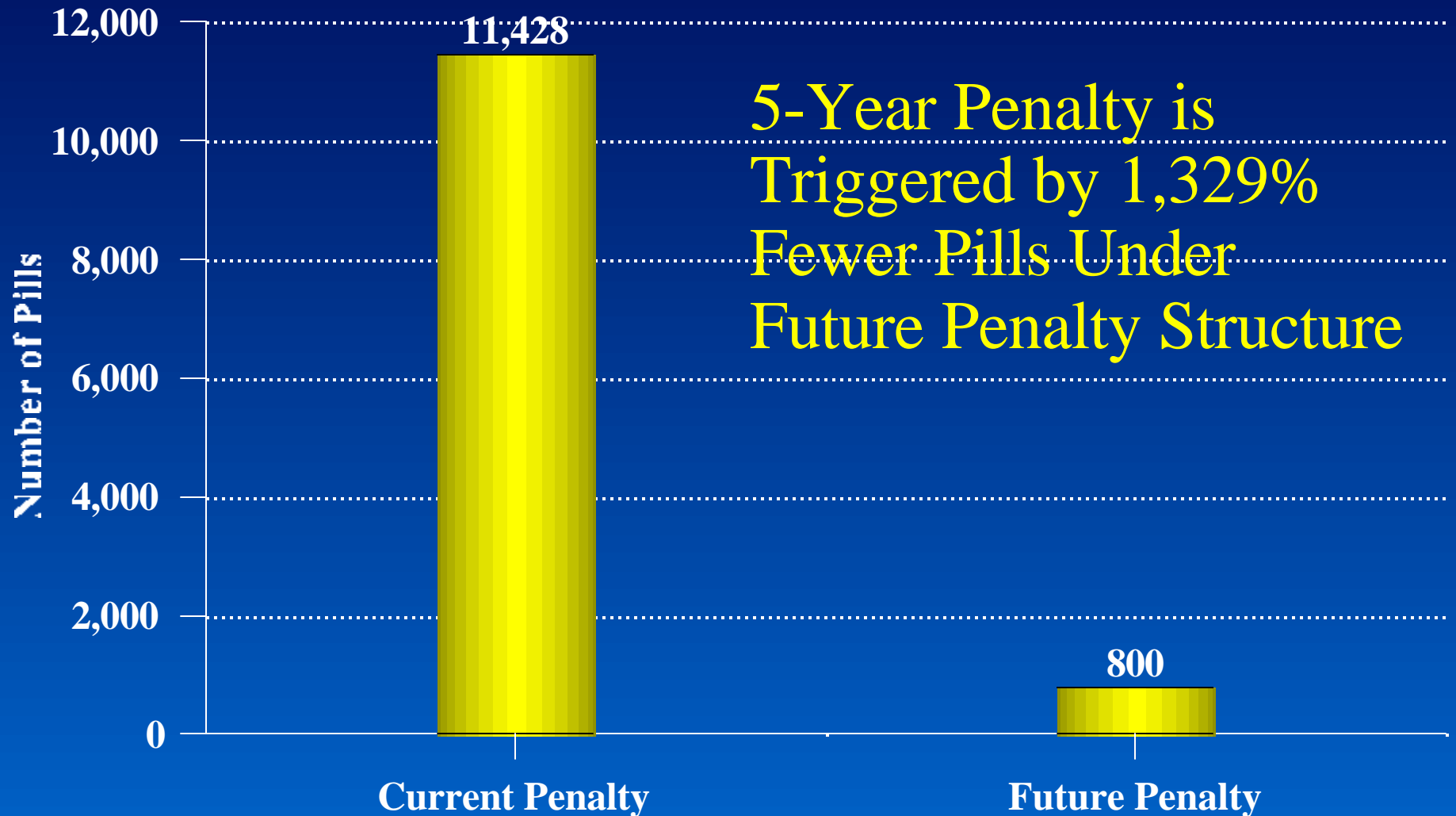
MDMA Trafficking Pattern

Information Provided By Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

Distribution Level	Number of Pills
Importers	50,000 to 100,000
Upper-middle-level Distributers	5,000 to 10,000
Local Distributers	500 to 1,000
Hand-to-hand Dealers at a Rave	50 to 100

Number of MDMA Pills Equating to a 5-Year Sentence

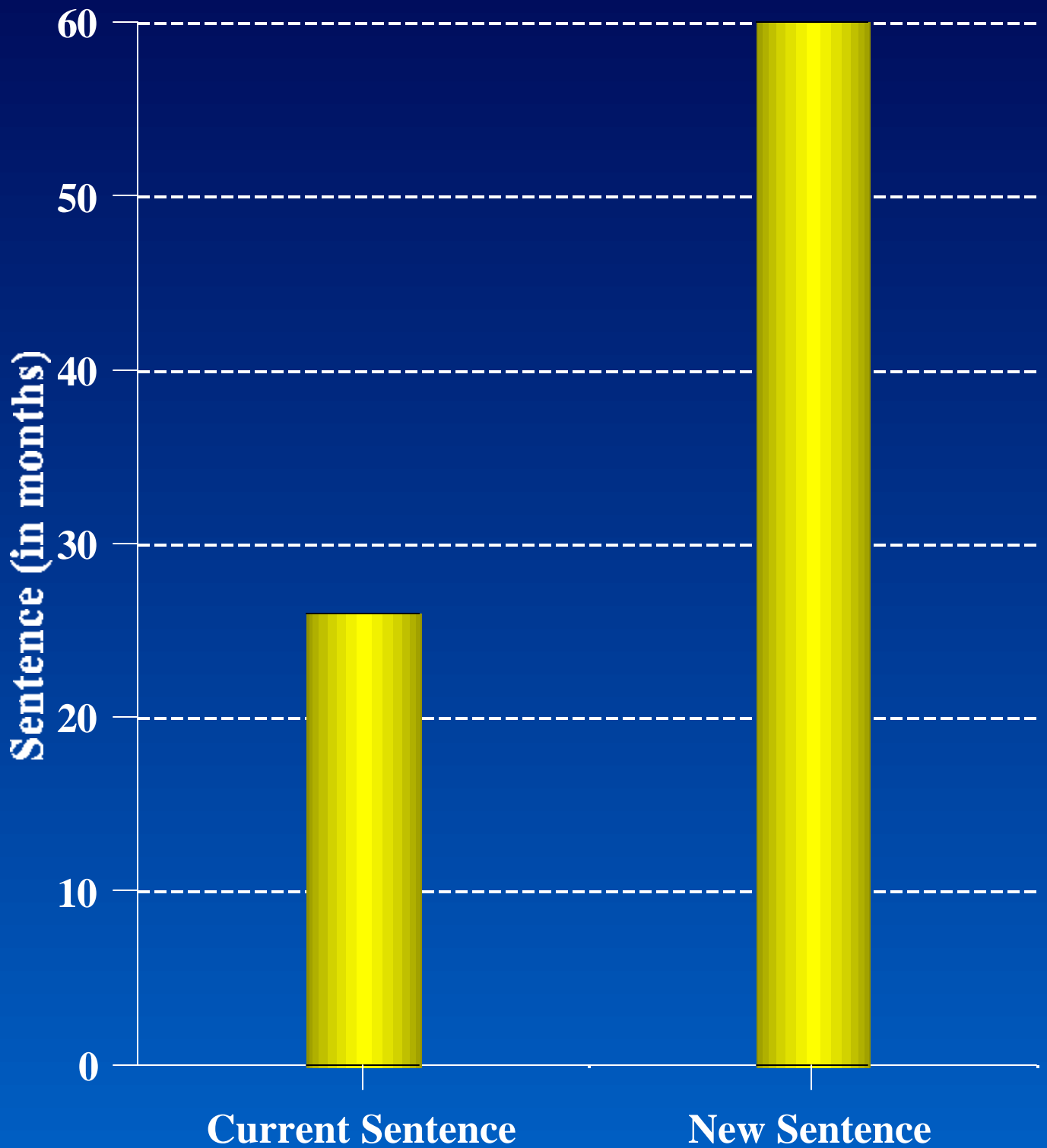
Future Penalty: 200 G of MDMA Equals 5-Year Sentence ¹



¹Penalties are based on offense level of drugs only and assume Criminal History Category I.
SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Current Average Sentence vs. New Average Sentence

Future Penalty: 200 G of MDMA Equals 5-Year Sentence ¹



¹The Commission's Sentence and Prison Impact Model used FY99 data for this projection. Current and new sentences are based on cases which were affected by this proposed change.
SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 1999 Datafile, USSCFY99.