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WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 20 -- Congressman Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today introduced a proposal calling for penalties for unauthorized personal possession of LSD and other hallucinogenic drugs, barbituates and amphetamines.

"Because of the wave of drug abuses particularly among young people, provisions must be made to halt unrestricted possession," Dole said. "Curbing casual possession of the drugs," he added, "will help discourage both current and potential users."

Under Dole's bill, a person convicted of unauthorized possession of hallucinogenic drugs, barbituates and amphetamines may be fined up to \$10,000 and jailed up to three years. The bill also provides a maximum penalty of six years in jail and \$15,000 in fines for illegal manufacture, distribution and sale of the drugs.

Dole's proposal would amend the Drug Abuse Control Act. The act, he said, currently imposes no penalty for possession of the drugs for personal or household use.

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"This means abusers have a broad mandate to consume these dangerous drugs, jeopardizing their own health and welfare and that of the nation," the Congressman added.

Pointing out an inconsistency in the law, Dole said, "On the one hand, unauthorized marijuana users may be fined and jailed while currently unauthorized possessors of LSD and similar other dangerous drugs are free with what looks like government sanction."

The Congressman said many physicians agree that some of the drugs, when prescribed medically, have beneficial effects. Dole's bill does not penalize drug use upon medical prescription.

"But this country has drug abusers, and they attract still others," Dole said. "This crucial situation could be arrested considerably by making unauthorized possession of dangerous drugs a violation of the law."