

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 497 Session of 2009

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in forgery and fraudulent practices,
3 providing for an offense relating to prescriptions and
4 prescription drugs.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 4121. Prescriptions and prescription drugs.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a felony of the third
11 degree if he acquires or attempts to acquire a prescription or
12 prescription order by knowingly misrepresenting or knowingly
13 withholding information from a practitioner for the sole purpose
14 of procuring controlled substances for abuse or sale.

15 (b) Prima facie evidence of intent.--Prima facie evidence of
16 an intent to violate this section shall include visits by a
17 person to multiple doctors or practitioners with the intent of
18 procuring controlled substances for abuse or sale.

19 (c) Definitions.--The words and phrases used in this section

1 shall have the same meanings given to them in the act of April
2 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance,
3 Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.