THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JUNE 13, 2005

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
- 2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for fraudulent practices
- 3 relating to prescriptions and prescription drugs.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 § 4121. Fraudulent practices relating to prescriptions and
- 9 <u>prescription drugs.</u>
- 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. Prima
- 15 facie evidence of an intent to violate this section shall
- 16 include visits by a person to multiple doctors or practitioners
- 17 with the intent of procuring controlled substances for abuse or
- 18 sale.

- (b) Definitions. -- The words and phrases used in this section 1
- 2 shall have the same meanings given to them in the act of April
- 3 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance,
- 4 <u>Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.</u>
- 5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.