

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 124 Session of 2009

INTRODUCED BY GORDNER, ORIE, RAFFERTY, COSTA, BOSCOLA, ALLOWAY,
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LOGAN, PIPPY, ROBBINS, TARTAGLIONE, TOMLINSON, WAUGH,
D. WHITE, WILLIAMS, WOZNIAK, YAW AND O'PAKE, JANUARY 30, 2009

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 30, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for the offense of operation
3 of methamphetamine laboratory.

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 § 7508.2. Operation of methamphetamine laboratory.

9 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits the offense of
10 operating a methamphetamine laboratory if the person knowingly
11 causes a chemical reaction involving ephedrine, pseudoephedrine
12 or phenylpropanolamine or any of their salts, optical isomers or
13 salts of optical isomers for the purpose of manufacturing
14 methamphetamine or preparing a precursor substance for the
15 manufacture of methamphetamine.

16 (b) Grading.--

17 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), an offense

1 under this subsection constitutes a felony of the second
2 degree.

3 (2) A person who violates subsection (a) commits a
4 felony of the first degree if the chemical reaction occurs
5 within 1,000 feet of the real property on which is located a
6 public, private or parochial school, a college or university
7 or a nursery school or day care center, or within 250 feet of
8 the real property on which is located a recreation center or
9 playground.

10 (c) Applicability.--This section does not apply to the
11 manufacturing operation of a licensed pharmaceutical company in
12 the normal course of business.

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