THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1307 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY STACK, FARNESE, LEACH AND COSTA, MARCH 26, 2014

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AN ACT

Amending the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), entitled "An act relating to the manufacture, sale and possession of 2 controlled substances, other drugs, devices and cosmetics; 3 conferring powers on the courts and the secretary and 4 Department of Health, and a newly created Pennsylvania Drug, 5 Device and Cosmetic Board; establishing schedules of 6 controlled substances; providing penalties; requiring registration of persons engaged in the drug trade and for the 7 8 revocation or suspension of certain licenses and 9 registrations; and repealing an act," further providing for 10 11 prohibited acts and penalties. 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: 14 Section 1. Section 13(g) of the act of April 14, 1972 15 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, amended December 14, 1984 (P.L.988, 16 No.200), is amended to read: 17 Section 13. Prohibited Acts; Penalties. -- * * * 18 19 Any person who violates clause (31) of subsection (a) is 20 quilty [of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be 21 sentenced to imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or to pay a 22 fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or both.] of the 23 following:

- 1 (1) For a first and second offense, except as provided in
- 2 clause (4), a summary offense and upon conviction thereof shall
- 3 <u>be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars</u>
- 4 (\$500).
- 5 (2) For a third or subsequent offense, except as provided in
- 6 <u>clause (3), a misdemeanor offense.</u>
- 7 (3) Nothing in this subsection may prohibit the following:
- 8 (i) Notwithstanding clause (2), a district attorney may
- 9 prosecute a violation of this section as a summary offense for
- 10 the purposes of imposing a diversionary sentence or disposition
- 11 such as Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) or any
- 12 other condition that may be imposed by the court if the charging
- 13 <u>is authorized by policy of the office of the district attorney</u>
- 14 <u>or local rule.</u>
- 15 (ii) Imposition of a penalty for any other violation of this
- 16 <u>subsection may include Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition</u>
- 17 (ARD), a diversionary sentence or disposition or any other
- 18 condition that may be imposed by the court.
- 19 (4) If, at the time of commission of an offense under this
- 20 subsection, the person is charged with any other violation of
- 21 this act or any other criminal offense, the offense under this
- 22 <u>subsection shall be graded under clause (2).</u>
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- 24 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.