

285S. No person except a manufacturer or a wholesaler or a retail dealer in surgical instruments, pharmacist, physician, dentist, veterinarian, nurse or interne, shall at any time have or possess a hypodermic syringe or needle or any instrument or implement adapted for the use of habit forming drugs by hypodermic injections and which is possessed for the purpose of administering habit forming drugs, unless such possession be authorized by the certificate of a physician issued within the period of one year prior hereto.

285T. In any complaint, information, or indictment, and in any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of any provision of this sub-title, it shall not be necessary to negative any exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption, contained in this sub-title, and the burden of proof of any such exception, excuse, proviso, or exemption, shall be upon the defendant.

285U. It is hereby made the duty of the State Department of Health, its officers, agents, inspectors and representatives, and of all peace officers within the State, and of all State's Attorneys, to enforce all provisions of this sub-title, except those specifically delegated, and to cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws of the United States, of this State and of all other States, relating to narcotic drugs.

In all prosecutions under this sub-title, the provisions of Section 4A of Article 35 of the Code of Public General Laws shall not apply.

285V. Any person violating any provision of this sub-title shall, upon conviction, be punished for the first offense by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment for not exceeding three years, or both; and for any subsequent offense by a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) or by imprisonment for not exceeding five years, or both.

285W. No person shall be prosecuted for a violation of any provision of this sub-title if such person has been acquitted or convicted under the Federal narcotic laws of the same act or commission, which, it is alleged, constitutes a violation of this sub-title.

285X. If any provision of this sub-title or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid,