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CHAPTER 693

(Senate Bill 564)

AN ACT to add new section 300(g-1) to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments", subheading "Health--Controlled Dangerous Substances", to make unlawful the unauthorized manufacture, distribution, and possession with intent to distribute of prescription drugs, certain attempts to obtain prescription drugs, and certain acts and omissions with respect to containers of prescription drugs and labels thereon, and to provide penalties for such acts.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 300(g-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Crimes and Punishments", subtitle "I. Crimes and Punishments", subheading "Health--Controlled Dangerous Substances", to follow immediately after Section 300(g) thereof and to read as follows:

300.

(G-1) EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBHEADING IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

(1) MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE, OR POSSESS WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A PRESCRIPTION DRUG.

(2) OBTAIN OR ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION DRUG BY (I) FRAUD, DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATION, OR SUBTERFUGE, (II) THE FORGERY OR ALTERATION OF A PRESCRIPTION OR A WRITTEN ORDER, (III) THE CONCEALMENT OF ANY MATERIAL FACT OR THE USE OF FALSE NAME OR ADDRESS, (IV) FALSELY ASSUMING THE TITLE OF OR REPRESENTING HIMSELF TO BE A MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTOR OR PRACTITIONER, OR (V) MAKING OR UTTERING ANY FALSE OR FORGED PRESCRIPTION OR WRITTEN ORDER.

(3) AFFIX ANY FALSE OR FORGED LABEL TO A PACKAGE, CONTAINER, OR OTHER RECEPTACLE CONTAINING ANY PRESCRIPTION DRUG, OR TO OMIT, REMOVE, ALTER, OR OBLITERATE ANY LABEL OR SYMBOL ON A PRESCRIPTION DRUG AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

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