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McDONALD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be  
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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the theft and unlawful  
possession of a blank official New York state prescription form

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 9, 10 and 11 of section 155.30 of the penal  
2 law, subdivision 9 as amended by chapter 479 of the laws of 2010, subdi-  
3 vision 10 as added by chapter 491 of the laws of 1992 and subdivision 11  
4 as added by chapter 394 of the laws of 2005, are amended and a new  
5 subdivision 12 is added to read as follows:

6 9. The property consists of a scroll, religious vestment, a vessel, an  
7 item comprising a display of religious symbols which forms a represen-  
8 tative expression of faith, or other miscellaneous item of property  
9 which:

10 (a) has a value of at least one hundred dollars; and

11 (b) is kept for or used in connection with religious worship in any  
12 building, structure or upon the curtilage of such building or structure  
13 used as a place of religious worship by a religious corporation, as  
14 incorporated under the religious corporations law or the education  
15 law[.]; OR

16 10. The property consists of an access device which the person intends  
17 to use unlawfully to obtain telephone service[.]; OR

18 11. The property consists of anhydrous ammonia or liquified ammonia  
19 gas and the actor intends to use, or knows another person intends to  
20 use, such anhydrous ammonia or liquified ammonia gas to manufacture  
21 methamphetamine[.]; OR

22 12. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF A BLANK OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE  
23 PRESCRIPTION FORM, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC  
24 HEALTH LAW.

25 S 2. Subdivisions 6 and 7 of section 165.45 of the penal law, subdivi-  
26 sion 6 as added by chapter 450 of the laws of 1990 and subdivision 7 as

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 added by chapter 394 of the laws of 2005, are amended and a new subdivi-  
2 sion 8 is added to read as follows:

3 6. The property consists of a scroll, religious vestment, vessel or  
4 other item of property having a value of at least one hundred dollars  
5 kept for or used in connection with religious worship in any building or  
6 structure used as a place of religious worship by a religious corpo-  
7 ration, as incorporated under the religious corporations law or the  
8 education law[.]; OR

9 7. The property consists of anhydrous ammonia or liquified ammonia gas  
10 and the actor intends to use, or knows another person intends to use,  
11 such anhydrous ammonia or liquified ammonia gas to manufacture meth-  
12 amphetamine[.]; OR

13 8. THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF A BLANK OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE  
14 PRESCRIPTION FORM, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC  
15 HEALTH LAW.

16 S 3. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 220.67 to read  
17 as follows:

18 S 220.67 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A PRESCRIPTION FORM.

19 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A PRESCRIPTION FORM WHEN  
20 SUCH PERSON KNOWINGLY POSSESSES A BLANK OFFICIAL NEW YORK STATE  
21 PRESCRIPTION FORM, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF THE PUBLIC  
22 HEALTH LAW, AND SUCH PERSON IS NOT A DOCTOR, PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON  
23 IN THE LAWFUL PURSUANCE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSION.

24 CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A PRESCRIPTION FORM IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

25 S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
26 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law.