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AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions, establishing the offense of fraudulent prescription, dispensing and procurement of non-controlled substance prescription medications and devices, and establishing the offense of unlawful possession of non-controlled substance prescription medications and devices

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

1 Section 1. Section 178.00 of the penal law, as added by chapter 81 of
2 the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 178.00 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and
4 prescriptions; definitions.
5 The following definitions are applicable to this article:
6 1. "Prescription medication or device" means any article for which a
7 prescription is required in order to be lawfully sold, delivered or
8 distributed by any person authorized by law to engage in the practice of
9 the profession of pharmacy.
10 2. "Prescription" means a direction or authorization by means of a
11 written prescription form, ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION or an oral
12 prescription which permits a person to lawfully obtain a prescription

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

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1 medication or device from any person authorized to dispense such
2 prescription medication or device.

3 3. "PRESCRIPTION FORM" MEANS AN OFFICIAL STATE PRESCRIPTION FORM
4 AUTHORIZED BY A STATE FOR USE BY HEALTH PRACTITIONERS AUTHORIZED TO
5 WRITE PRESCRIPTIONS.

6 4. "Criminal diversion act" means an act or acts in which a person
7 knowingly:

8 (a) transfers or delivers, in exchange for anything of pecuniary
9 value, a prescription medication or device with knowledge or reasonable
10 grounds to know that the recipient has no medical need for it; or

11 (b) receives, in exchange for anything of pecuniary value, a
12 prescription medication or device with knowledge or reasonable grounds
13 to know that the seller or transferor is not authorized by law to sell
14 or transfer such prescription medication or device; or

15 (c) RECEIVES, IN EXCHANGE FOR ANYTHING OF PECUNIARY VALUE, A
16 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, PRESCRIPTION, OR PRESCRIPTION FORM
17 FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ACTING IN AN UNDERCOVER CAPACITY OR HIS
18 OR HER AGENT, BELIEVING OR HAVING REASONABLE GROUND TO BELIEVE THAT THE
19 OFFICER OR HIS OR HER AGENT IS SOMEONE WHO IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO
20 SELL OR TRANSFER SUCH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, PRESCRIPTION,
21 OR PRESCRIPTION FORM; OR

22 (D) transfers or delivers a prescription OR PRESCRIPTION FORM in
23 exchange for anything of pecuniary value; or

24 [(d)] (E) receives a prescription OR PRESCRIPTION FORM in exchange for
25 anything of pecuniary value.

26 S 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 178.05 of the penal
27 law, as added by chapter 81 of the laws of 1995, is amended and two new
28 paragraphs (d) and (e) are added to read as follows:

29 (c) a person acting in good faith WHO IS seeking [treatment for a
30 medical condition or assisting another person to obtain treatment for a
31 medical condition] TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR
32 DEVICE THAT HAS BEEN LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED TO HIM OR HER, AND FOR WHICH HE
33 OR SHE HAS A MEDICAL NEED; OR

34 (D) A PERSON ACTING IN GOOD FAITH, WHO REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT HE OR
35 SHE IS ASSISTING ANOTHER PERSON TO OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION, PRESCRIPTION
36 MEDICATION OR DEVICE THAT HAS BEEN LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED TO THAT OTHER
37 PERSON; OR

38 (E) A DULY REGISTERED MANUFACTURER OR WHOLESALER OF DRUGS, AS DEFINED
39 IN ARTICLE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE EDUCATION LAW, ACTING IN GOOD
40 FAITH IN THE LAWFUL COURSE OF HIS OR HER BUSINESS.

41 S 3. Section 178.10 of the penal law, as added by chapter 81 of the
42 laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

43 S 178.10 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and
44 prescriptions in the [fourth] FIFTH degree.

45 A person is guilty of criminal diversion of prescription medications
46 and prescriptions in the [fourth] FIFTH degree when he or she commits a
47 criminal diversion act.

48 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions in
49 the [fourth] FIFTH degree is a class A misdemeanor.

50 S 4. Section 178.15 of the penal law, as added by chapter 81 of the
51 law of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

52 S 178.15 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and
53 prescriptions in the [third] FOURTH degree.

54 A person is guilty of criminal diversion of prescription medications
55 and prescriptions in the [third] FOURTH degree when he or she:

1 1. commits a criminal diversion act, and the value of the benefit
2 exchanged is in excess of one thousand dollars; or

3 2. commits the crime of criminal diversion of prescription medications
4 and prescriptions in the fourth degree, and has previously been
5 convicted of the crime of criminal diversion of prescription medications
6 and prescriptions [in the fourth degree]; OR

7 3. COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
8 AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIFTH DEGREE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS OVER A
9 THIRTY-FIVE DAY PERIOD.

10 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions in
11 the [third] FOURTH degree is a class E felony.

12 S 5. Section 178.20 of the penal law, as added by chapter 81 of the
13 laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

14 S 178.20 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and
15 prescriptions in the [second] THIRD degree.

16 A person is guilty of criminal diversion of prescription medications
17 and prescriptions in the [second] THIRD degree when he or she:

18 1. commits a criminal diversion act, and the value of the benefit
19 exchanged is in excess of three thousand dollars; OR

20 2. COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
21 AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIFTH DEGREE ON FOUR OR MORE OCCASIONS OVER A
22 THIRTY-FIVE DAY PERIOD; OR

23 3. COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
24 TIONS AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIFTH DEGREE, AND IS:

25 (A) A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PRESCRIPTION; OR

26 (B) A PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION
27 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

28 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions in
29 the [second] THIRD degree is a class D felony.

30 S 6. Section 178.25 of the penal law, as added by chapter 81 of the
31 laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

32 S 178.25 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and
33 prescriptions in the [first] SECOND degree.

34 A person is guilty of criminal diversion of prescription medications
35 and prescriptions in the [first] SECOND degree when he or she:

36 1. commits a criminal diversion act, and the value of the benefit
37 exchanged is in excess of fifty thousand dollars; OR

38 2. COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
39 AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIFTH DEGREE ON SIX OR MORE OCCASIONS OVER A
40 THIRTY-FIVE DAY PERIOD; OR

41 3. COMMITS THE CRIME OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
42 AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIFTH DEGREE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS OVER A
43 NINETY DAY PERIOD, AND IS:

44 (A) A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PRESCRIPTION; OR

45 (B) A PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION
46 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

47 Criminal diversion of prescription medications and prescriptions in
48 the [first] SECOND degree is a class C felony.

49 S 7. The penal law is amended by adding a new section 178.30 to read
50 as follows:

51 S 178.30 CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND
52 PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

53 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS
54 AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE COMMITS THE CRIME
55 OF CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS OR PRESCRIPTIONS IN

THE FIFTH DEGREE ON FIVE OR MORE OCCASIONS OVER A NINETY DAY PERIOD, AND IS:

(A) A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PRESCRIPTION; OR
(B) A PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

CRIMINAL DIVERSION OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND PRESCRIPTIONS IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS B FELONY.

S 8. The penal law is amended by adding a new article 179 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 179

FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES
SECTION 179.00 DEFINITIONS.

179.05 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND
DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

179.10 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND
DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

179.15 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND
DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

S 179.00 DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS ARTICLE:

1. "PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE" MEANS ANY ARTICLE FOR WHICH A PRESCRIPTION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE LAWFULLY SOLD, DELIVERED OR DISTRIBUTED BY ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION OF PHARMACY.

2. "PRESCRIPTION" MEANS A DIRECTION OR AUTHORIZATION BY MEANS OF A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION FORM, AN ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION OR AN ORAL PRESCRIPTION WHICH PERMITS A PERSON TO LAWFULLY OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE FROM ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE SUCH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE.

3. "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE" MEANS ANY SUBSTANCE LISTED IN SCHEDULE I, II, III, IV OR V OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIX OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW OTHER THAN MARIHUANA, BUT INCLUDING CONCENTRATED CANNABIS AS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED TWO OF SUCH LAW.

4. "DISPENSING" AND "DISPENSES" REFER TO THE DISPENSING OF A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE FROM OR WITHIN A PHARMACY, HOSPITAL, PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE, CLINIC OR OTHER PHARMACEUTICAL OR MEDICAL FACILITY.

S 179.05 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES
IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE:

1. ISSUES A WRITTEN, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL PRESCRIPTION FOR A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, AND IS NOT A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH PRESCRIPTION; OR

2. DISPENSES A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, WITH KNOWLEDGE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS TO KNOW THAT:

(A) THE PERSON FOR WHOM THE MEDICATION OR DEVICE HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED HAS NO MEDICAL NEED FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE; OR

1 (B) NO PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS ISSUED BY A DULY
2 LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
3 PRESCRIPTION; OR

4 (C) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS FORGED; OR

5 (D) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS ISSUED BY A
6 DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
7 PRESCRIPTION WHO WAS ACTING OTHER THAN IN GOOD FAITH IN THE LAWFUL
8 COURSE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

9 3. PRESENTS OR SUBMITS A PRESCRIPTION FOR A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
10 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE TO, OR RECEIVES A NON-CONTROLLED
11 SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE FROM, A DULY LICENSED PHAR-
12 MACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE SUCH PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
13 TION OR DEVICE, WITH KNOWLEDGE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS TO KNOW THAT:

14 (A) THE PERSON FOR WHOM THE MEDICATION OR DEVICE HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED
15 HAS NO MEDICAL NEED FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE; OR

16 (B) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS NOT ISSUED BY A
17 DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
18 PRESCRIPTION; OR

19 (C) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS FORGED; OR

20 (D) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS ISSUED BY A
21 DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
22 PRESCRIPTION WHO WAS ACTING OTHER THAN IN GOOD FAITH IN THE LAWFUL
23 COURSE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

24 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED
25 SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE IS A
26 CLASS D FELONY.

27 S 179.10 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF
28 NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES
29 IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

30 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCURE-
31 MENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN
32 THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE:

33 1. BEING A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE
34 A PRESCRIPTION, ISSUES A WRITTEN, ELECTRONIC OR ORAL PRESCRIPTION FOR A
35 NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, OR DISPENSES
36 A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE:

37 (A) WITH KNOWLEDGE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS TO KNOW THAT THE PERSON FOR
38 WHOM THE PRESCRIPTION IS ISSUED, OR TO WHOM THE MEDICATION IS DISPENSED,
39 HAS NO MEDICAL NEED FOR THE MEDICATION OR DEVICE THAT IS BEING
40 PRESCRIBED; OR

41 (B) OTHER THAN IN GOOD FAITH IN THE LAWFUL COURSE OF HIS OR HER
42 PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE; OR

43 2. BEING A DULY LICENSED PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO
44 DISPENSE A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, DISPENSES A NON-CONTROLLED
45 SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE:

46 (A) WITH KNOWLEDGE OR REASONABLE GROUNDS TO KNOW THAT:

47 (I) THE PERSON FOR WHOM THE MEDICATION OR DEVICE HAS BEEN PRESCRIBED
48 HAS NO MEDICAL NEED FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE; OR

49 (II) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS NOT ISSUED BY
50 A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
51 PRESCRIPTION; OR

52 (III) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS FORGED; OR

53 (IV) THE PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE WAS ISSUED BY A
54 DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE SUCH
55 PRESCRIPTION WHO WAS ACTING OTHER THAN IN GOOD FAITH IN THE LAWFUL
56 COURSE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE; OR

(B) OTHER THAN IN GOOD FAITH, IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER LAWFUL PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS C FELONY.

S 179.15 FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE, BEING EITHER A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE A PRESCRIPTION, OR A DULY LICENSED PHARMACIST OR OTHER PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE, COMMITS THE CRIME OF FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS WITHIN A NINETY DAY PERIOD.

FRAUDULENT PRESCRIPTION, DISPENSING AND PROCUREMENT OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS B FELONY.

S 9. Title M of the penal law is amended by adding a new article 219 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 219

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES

SECTION 219.00 DEFINITIONS.

219.05 LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATION OF ARTICLE.

219.10 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIFTH DEGREE.

219.15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.

219.20 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

219.25 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

219.30 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

S 219.00 DEFINITIONS.

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS ARTICLE:

1. "PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE" MEANS ANY ARTICLE FOR WHICH A PRESCRIPTION IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO BE LAWFULLY SOLD, DELIVERED OR DISTRIBUTED BY ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION OF PHARMACY.

2. "PRESCRIPTION" MEANS A DIRECTION OR AUTHORIZATION BY MEANS OF A WRITTEN PRESCRIPTION FORM, AN ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION OR AN ORAL PRESCRIPTION WHICH PERMITS A PERSON TO LAWFULLY OBTAIN A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE FROM ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE SUCH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE.

3. "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE" MEANS ANY SUBSTANCE LISTED IN SCHEDULE I, II, III, IV OR V OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SIX OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW OTHER THAN MARIHUANA, BUT INCLUDING CONCENTRATED CANNABIS AS

1 DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION FOUR OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE
2 HUNDRED TWO OF SUCH LAW.

3 4. THE VALUE OF A PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE SHALL BE EQUIV-
4 ALENT TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SUCH MEDICATION OR DEVICE ON THE
5 LAWFUL RETAIL MARKET, AT ABOUT THE TIME AND PLACE THAT THE CRIME IS
6 COMMITTED.

7 S 219.05 LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATION OF ARTICLE.

8 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE RESTRICTING THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF
9 NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES SHALL NOT
10 APPLY:

11 1. TO COMMON CARRIERS OR TO WAREHOUSEMEN, WHILE ENGAGED IN LAWFULLY
12 TRANSPORTING OR STORING SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDI-
13 CATIONS AND DEVICES, OR TO ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE SAME ACTING WITHIN THE
14 SCOPE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT; OR

15 2. TO PUBLIC OFFICERS OR THEIR EMPLOYEES IN THE LAWFUL PERFORMANCE OF
16 THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES REQUIRING THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF SUCH
17 NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES; OR

18 3. TO TEMPORARY INCIDENTAL POSSESSION BY EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS OF
19 PERSONS LAWFULLY ENTITLED TO POSSESS SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
20 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES, OR BY PERSONS WHOSE POSSESSION IS
21 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING PUBLIC OFFICERS IN PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL
22 DUTIES; OR

23 4. TO A DULY LICENSED PHYSICIAN, DULY LICENSED PHARMACIST OR OTHER
24 PERSON AUTHORIZED TO POSSESS OR DISPENSE SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
25 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES, ACTING IN GOOD FAITH IN THE LAWFUL
26 COURSE OF HIS OR HER PROFESSION; OR

27 5. TO TEMPORARY INCIDENTAL POSSESSION BY A PERSON ACTING IN GOOD FAITH
28 WHO REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT HE OR SHE IS ASSISTING ANOTHER PERSON TO
29 OBTAIN A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION OR DEVICE THAT
30 HAS BEEN LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED TO THAT OTHER PERSON.

31 S 219.10 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
32 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIFTH DEGREE.

33 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
34 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIFTH DEGREE WHEN SUCH
35 PERSON KNOWINGLY POSSESSES ONE OR MORE NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
36 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS OR DEVICES WHICH WERE NOT LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED
37 TO HIM OR HER, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES EVINCING AN INTENT TO SELL THE SAME;
38 AND

39 1. THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
40 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES EXCEEDS TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS; OR

41 2. HE OR SHE POSSESSES TWENTY OR MORE PILLS, TABLETS OR CAPSULES OF
42 SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

43 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
44 TIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIFTH DEGREE IS A CLASS A MISDEMEANOR.

45 S 219.15 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
46 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FOURTH DEGREE.

47 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
48 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FOURTH DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE
49 KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES ONE OR MORE NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
50 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES WHICH WERE NOT LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED
51 TO HIM OR HER; AND

52 1. THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
53 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES EXCEEDS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; OR

54 2. HE OR SHE POSSESSES FIFTY OR MORE PILLS, TABLETS OR CAPSULES OF
55 SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES; OR

1 3. HE OR SHE POSSESSES A NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
2 TION OR DEVICE WITH AN INTENT TO SELL IT; OR

3 4. HE OR SHE COMMITS THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONT-
4 ROLLED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIFTH DEGREE, AND HAS
5 PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONVICTED OF THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF
6 NON-CONTROLLED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

7 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
8 TIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FOURTH DEGREE IS A CLASS E FELONY.

9 S 219.20 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
10 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE.

11 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
12 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE
13 KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES ONE OR MORE NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
14 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES WHICH WERE NOT LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED
15 TO HIM OR HER; AND

16 1. THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
17 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES EXCEEDS FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS; OR

18 2. HE OR SHE POSSESSES ONE HUNDRED FIFTY OR MORE PILLS, TABLETS OR
19 CAPSULES OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND
20 DEVICES.

21 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
22 TIONS AND DEVICES IN THE THIRD DEGREE IS A CLASS D FELONY.

23 S 219.25 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
24 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE.

25 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
26 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE
27 KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES ONE OR MORE NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
28 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES WHICH WERE NOT LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED
29 TO HIM OR HER; AND

30 1. THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
31 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES EXCEEDS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS; OR

32 2. HE OR SHE POSSESSES ONE THOUSAND OR MORE PILLS, TABLETS OR CAPSULES
33 OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

34 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
35 TIONS AND DEVICES IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A CLASS C FELONY.

36 S 219.30 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
37 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

38 A PERSON IS GUILTY OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
39 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE
40 KNOWINGLY AND UNLAWFULLY POSSESSES ONE OR MORE NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
41 PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES WHICH WERE NOT LAWFULLY PRESCRIBED
42 TO HIM OR HER; AND

43 1. THE AGGREGATE VALUE OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION
44 MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS; OR

45 2. HE OR SHE POSSESSES TEN THOUSAND OR MORE PILLS, TABLETS OR CAPSULES
46 OF SUCH NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES.

47 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF NON-CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-
48 TIONS AND DEVICES IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A CLASS B FELONY.

49 S 10. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
50 have become a law.