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H. B. 4012

(By Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chambers, and Delegate Burk)
[By Request of the Executive]

[Passed February 25, 1994; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three hundred two, article three, chapter sixty-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend article four of said chapter by adding thereto a new section, designated section four hundred nine, all relating to the establishment of the separate and distinct offenses involving the transportation of controlled substances into this state; exemption of certain acts by certain persons from certain prohibitions provided by said chapter; and criminal penalties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three hundred two, article three, chapter sixtya of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that article four of said chapter be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section four hundred nine, all to read as follows:

- ARTICLE 3. REGULATION OF MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION AND DISPENSING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.
- §60A-3-302. Registration required; effect of registration; exemptions; waiver; inspections.

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- 1 (a) Every person who manufactures, distributes, or 2 dispenses any controlled substance within this state or 3 who proposes to engage in the manufacture, distribu-4 tion, or dispensing of any controlled substance within this state, must obtain annually a registration issued by 5 6 the state board of pharmacy or the appropriate depart-7 ment, board, or agency, as the case may be, as specified 8 in section 301, in accordance with its rules.
- 9 (b) Persons registered by said state board of pharmacy or said appropriate department, board, or agency, as the 10 case may be, under this act to manufacture, distribute, 11 12 dispense, or conduct research with controlled substances 13 may possess, manufacture, distribute, dispense, or 14 conduct research with those substances to the extent 15 authorized by their registration and in conformity with 16 the other provisions of this article.
- '(c)(1) The following persons need not register and may lawfully possess, deliver, or transport into this state controlled substances under this act:
- 20 (A) An agent or employee of any registered manufac-21 turer, distributor, or dispenser of any controlled 22 substance if he is acting in the usual course of his 23 business or employment;
 - (B) A common or contract carrier or warehouseman, or an employee thereof, whose possession, delivery, or transportation into this state of any controlled substance is in the usual course of a lawful business or employment;
 - (2) The following persons need not register and may lawfully possess or transport into this state controlled substances under this act: An ultimate user or a person in possession of any controlled substance pursuant to a lawful order of a practitioner or in lawful possession of a Schedule V substance.
 - (d) The said state board of pharmacy or said appropriate department, board, or agency, as the case may be, may waive by rule the requirement for registration of certain manufacturers, distributors, or dispensers if it finds it consistent with the public health and safety.

- 40 (e) A separate registration is required at each
- 41 principal place of business or professional practice
- 42 where the applicant manufactures, distributes, or
- 43 dispenses controlled substances.
- 44 (f) The said state board of pharmacy or said appro-
- 45 priate department, board, or agency, as the case may be,
- 46 may inspect the establishment of a registrant or
- applicant for registration in accordance with the rule of 47
- said state board of pharmacy or said appropriate 48
- 49 department, board, or agency, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 4. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

§60A-4-409. Prohibited acts -Transportation of controlled substances into state; penalties.

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized by the provisions 1
- 2 of this code, it shall be unlawful for any person to
- 3 transport into this state a controlled substance with the
- intent to deliver the same or with the intent to manu-4
- 5 facture a controlled substance.
- 6 (b) Any person who violates this section with respect 7 to:
- 8 (1) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I or
- 9 II which is a narcotic drug, shall be guilty of a felony,
- 10 and, upon conviction, may be imprisoned in the peniten-
- 11 tiary for not less than one year nor more than fifteen 12
 - years, or fined not more than twenty-five thousand
- 13 dollars, or both:
- (2) Any other controlled substance classified in 14
- Schedule I, II or III, shall be guilty of a felony, and, 15
- upon conviction, may be imprisoned in the penitentiary 16
- 17 for not less than one year nor more than five years, or
- 18 fined not more than fifteen thousand dollars, or both;
- 19 (3) A substance classified in Schedule IV, shall be
- 20 guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, may be 21 imprisoned in the penitentiary for not less than one year
- 22 nor more than three years, or fined not more than ten
- 23 thousand dollars, or both;
- 24 (4) A substance classified in Schedule V, shall be
- 25 guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, may be

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- 26 confined in the county jail for not less than six months
- 27 nor more than one year, or fined not more than five
- 28 thousand dollars, or both.
- (c) The offense established by this section shall be in
- 30 addition to and a separate and distinct offense from any
- 31 other offense set forth in this code.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is egrectly enrolled.
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