



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 662 Printer's No. 780

Prime Sponsor: Senator Bartolotta
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to create the offense of drug delivery resulting in serious bodily injury.

SUMMARY:

Defines the offense as intentionally administering, dispensing, delivering, giving, prescribing, selling or distributing any controlled substance or counterfeit controlled substance and another person suffers serious bodily injury as a result of using the substance.

Grades the offense as a misdemeanor of the second degree.

Authorizes the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide for a sentencing enhancement for this offense.

Amendment: Changes the grading of the offense from a felony of the second degree to a felony of the third degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

None.

COMMENT:

The definition of the offense in this bill is substantially the same as the existing statute regarding "drug delivery resulting in death." This bill provides for an offense within Title 18, Part II, Article B (Offenses involving danger to the person). In the general provisions of Article B, "serious bodily injury" is defined as "bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ."

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