

Committee on Criminal Justice

CS/HB 517 — Fraudulent Controlled Substance Prescriptions

by Criminal Justice Subcommittee; and Rep. Hooper and others (CS/CS/SB 1208 by Health Policy Committee; Criminal Justice Committee; and Senator Latvala)

The bill revises an offense relating to unauthorized possession of a prescription form to prohibit a person from possessing a prescription form unless the form has been signed by the practitioner whose name appears printed on the form and the form is completed. This prohibition does not apply if the person in possession of the form is the practitioner, an agent or employee of the practitioner, a pharmacist, or a supplier of prescription forms who is authorized by the practitioner to possess those forms.

The bill increases the degree of the offense from a first degree misdemeanor to a third degree felony.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect October 1, 2014.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0