
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 275 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, WILLIAMS, SCHWANK AND HUGHES,
JANUARY 16, 2015

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, JANUARY 16, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, further providing
3 for drug trafficking sentencing and penalties.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7508(a) introductory paragraph of Title
7 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 7508. Drug trafficking sentencing and penalties.

10 (a) General rule.--[Notwithstanding] Except as provided for
11 in subsection (c.1), notwithstanding any other provisions of
12 this or any other act to the contrary, the following provisions
13 shall apply:

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15 (c.1) Exception.--A court may impose on a defendant a lesser
16 sentence than the mandatory sentence provided for in this
17 section if the court has a compelling reason to believe that a
18 substantial injustice would occur by applying the mandatory

1 sentence unless:

2 (1) The defendant has a prior record score of more than
3 three points under the sentencing guidelines.

4 (2) The defendant used or possessed a firearm or other
5 dangerous weapon or induced another participant to do so in
6 connection with the current offense or any prior conviction.

7 (3) The offense resulted in death or serious bodily
8 injury.

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10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.