

No. 254

AN ACT

SB 1335

Authorizing the use of identification devices by persons with certain afflictions or conditions; imposing duties on law enforcement officers and prescribing penalties.

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

Section 1. Any person who suffers from epilepsy, diabetes, a cardiac condition, or any other type of illness which causes temporary blackouts, semi-conscious periods, or complete unconsciousness, is hereby authorized to wear an identification bracelet or metal tag or carry an identification card with the person's name, type of illness, physician's name and medication required, engraved, stamped, or imprinted thereon.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of all law enforcement officers in this State to make a diligent effort to determine if any person they may find in a semi-conscious or unconscious condition is an epileptic or diabetic or a person who is suffering from any other type of illness which would cause semi-consciousness or unconsciousness, before such person may be charged with a crime. If any law enforcement officer shall determine that such a person is actually suffering from an affliction which would cause semi-consciousness or unconsciousness, it shall be his duty to notify such person's physician immediately or to have such person immediately transported to a physician or to some facility where the services of a physician are available.

Section 3. Any person who wilfully and knowingly falsifies such identification or deliberately misrepresents such an illness as causes blackouts, unconsciousness, or semi-conscious periods as described in section 1, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or to undergo imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in ten days.

APPROVED—The 25th day of November, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 254.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.