

No. 1989-93

## AN ACT

SB 454

Requiring school directors to prohibit the use of steroids by pupils involved in athletics; requiring education regarding the use of anabolic steroids; requiring penalties for unauthorized use of anabolic steroids; and providing for dispensing anabolic steroids and for prescriptions for anabolic steroids.

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

**Section 1. School directors to prohibit steroids.**

The board of school directors in every school district in this Commonwealth shall prescribe, adopt and enforce rules and regulations to prohibit the use of anabolic steroids, except for a valid medical purpose, by any pupil involved in school-related athletics. Body building, muscle enhancement, increasing muscle bulk or strength or the enhancement of athletic ability is not a valid medical purpose. Human Growth Hormone (HGH) shall not be included as an anabolic steroid under the provisions of this act.

**Section 2. Education regarding steroid use.**

The board of school directors in every school district shall include education regarding the dangers of anabolic steroids with any other drug and alcohol program required by law.

**Section 3. Penalties.**

(a) **Violations of rules and regulations.**—The board of school directors shall prescribe the following minimum penalties for any pupil found in violation of the rules and regulations required under section 1:

(1) For a first violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season.

(2) For a second violation, suspension from school athletics for the remainder of the season and for the following season.

(3) For a third violation, permanent suspension from school athletics.

(b) **Eligibility for participation in school athletics limited.**—No student shall be eligible to resume participation in school athletics unless there has been a medical determination that no residual evidence of steroids exists. The board may require participation in any drug counseling, rehabilitation, testing or other program as a condition of reinstatement into a school athletic program.

**Section 4. Violations.**

No physician, or other person regulated by the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, shall dispense, inject or prescribe an anabolic steroid for the purpose of hormonal manipulation intended to increase muscle mass, strength, weight without a medical necessity to do so, or for the intended purpose of improving performance in any form of exercise, sport or game. The State Board of Medi-

cine shall promulgate guidelines providing specific periods of license suspension or revocation for dispensing, injecting or prescribing anabolic steroids in violation of this section.

**Section 5. Prescriptions.**

Any prescription for an anabolic steroid written in this Commonwealth shall state the purpose for which the drug is prescribed.

**Section 6. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**APPROVED—The 22nd day of December, A. D. 1989.**

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