

**155A.21 Unlawful possession of prescription drug or device — penalty.**

1. A person found in possession of a drug or device limited to dispensation by prescription, unless the drug or device was so lawfully dispensed, commits a serious misdemeanor.

2. [Subsection 1](#) does not apply to a licensed pharmacy, licensed wholesaler, physician, veterinarian, dentist, podiatric physician, optometrist, advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician assistant, a nurse acting under the direction of a physician, or the board of pharmacy, its officers, agents, inspectors, and representatives, or to a common carrier, manufacturer's representative, or messenger when transporting the drug or device in the same unbroken package in which the drug or device was delivered to that person for transportation.

[87 Acts, ch 215, §21](#); [95 Acts, ch 108, §14](#); [2005 Acts, ch 179, §185](#); [2007 Acts, ch 10, §154](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1004, §4](#)