



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 430 Printer's No. 381

Prime Sponsor: Senator Hughes
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) to expand the Statewide Intermediate Punishment Program to include offenses committed because of gambling addiction.

SUMMARY:

This bill recognizes that many crimes are committed by persons who are addicted not only to drugs or alcohol, but also to gambling, and these persons commit crimes to finance their addictions. The bill expands the definition of "addicted offender treatment program" to include programs established by the Department of Corrections to treat gambling addiction.

The bill includes "gambling-related offense" in the definition of "defendant" for purposes of The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act and in the definition of "eligible offender" for purposes of sentencing. A "gambling-related offense" is one in which the court determines that the motivation was the defendant's addiction to gambling. Where provisions of law specify drug or alcohol addiction, this bill would change the reference to addiction generally, including gambling addiction.

Effective Date: This bill is effective on sixty days.

BILL HISTORY:

There is no bill history during this legislative session.

Prepared by: Cawley 6/1/2015