



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 884**

LCO No. 2210



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. HARDING, 30th Dist.

**AN ACT CLASSIFYING THE DEALING OF ILLEGAL DRUGS THAT  
LEADS TO A DEATH AS MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

- 1 That subsection (a) of section 53a-55 of the general statutes be
- 2 amended to include a new subdivision (4), as follows: (4) He engages in
- 3 activity constituting a violation of section 21a-277 or 21a-278, and, as a
- 4 result of such distributing, selling, prescribing, dispensing, offering,
- 5 giving or administering any controlled substance to another person,
- 6 causes the death of such person.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To classify the dealing of illegal drugs that leads to a death as  
manslaughter in the first degree.