

### **10A NCAC 26E .0111 EXEMPTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS**

(a) The requirement of registration is waived for the following persons in the circumstances described in this Rule:

- (1) any person employed by the following agencies who is lawfully engaged in the enforcement of any North Carolina or federal law relating to controlled substances, drugs or customs and is duly authorized to possess controlled substances in the course of his official duties: the Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Department of Justice, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Bureau of Customs and the United States Food and Administration;
- (2) any dog handler who is employed or under contract to a North Carolina law enforcement agency and any other person specified in G.S. 90-101(c)(5);
- (3) any person employed by any political subdivision of the State who is engaged in the enforcement of any state or local law relating to controlled substances and who is duly authorized to possess controlled substances in the course of his official duties; or
- (4) any official of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard or Public Health Service who is authorized to prescribe, dispense or administer but not to procure or purchase controlled substances in the course of his official duties. Such officials shall follow procedures set forth in Section .0400 of this Subchapter regarding prescriptions but shall state the branch of service or agency (e.g., United States Army or Public Health Service) and the service identification number of the issuing official in lieu of the registration number required on prescription forms. The service identification number of a Public Health Service officer is his social security number.

(b) Any official exempted by this Rule may, when acting in the course of his official duties, possess any controlled substance and distribute any such substance to any other official who is also exempted by this Section and acting in the course of his official duties.

(c) Any official exempted by this Rule may procure any controlled substance in the course of an inspection in accordance with .0503(a)(4) of this Subchapter or in the course of any criminal investigation involving the person from whom the substance was procured.

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