

1 (8) A sheriff or a designated deputy sheriff who is assigned to investigate the
2 diversion and illegal use of prescription medication or pharmaceutical
3 products identified in Article 5 of this Chapter as Schedule II through V
4 controlled substances."

5 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-107 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 90-107. Prescriptions, stocks, etc., open to inspection by officials.**

7 Prescriptions, order forms and records, required by this Article, and stocks of controlled
8 substances included in Schedules I through VI of this Article shall be open for inspection only
9 to federal and State officers, whose duty it is to enforce the laws of this State or of the United
10 States relating to controlled substances included in Schedules I through VI of this Article, ~~and~~
11 to authorized employees of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human ~~Services.~~
12 Services, and to a sheriff or a designated deputy sheriff who is assigned to investigate the
13 diversion and illegal use of prescription medication or pharmaceutical products included in
14 Schedules I through V of this Article. No officer having knowledge by virtue of his office of
15 any such prescription, order, or record shall divulge such knowledge other than to other
16 law-enforcement officials or agencies, except in connection with a prosecution or proceeding in
17 court or before a licensing board or officer to which prosecution or proceeding the person to
18 whom such prescriptions, orders, or records relate is a party."

19 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2009.