

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.  
**Act 684 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2009  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 961

5 By: Senator Bledsoe  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROTECT PERSONS SUSCEPTIBLE TO SEVERE  
10 ALLERGIC REACTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION  
11 OF PERSONS TRAINED TO ADMINISTER EMERGENCY  
12 TREATMENT FOR SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO PROTECT PERSONS SUSCEPTIBLE TO  
16 SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS AND TO PROVIDE  
17 FOR CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS TRAINED TO  
18 ADMINISTER EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR  
19 SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTIONS.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 20-13-401 and 20-13-402 are amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 20-13-401. Title.

28 This subchapter shall be known and cited as the "Insect Sting and Other  
29 Allergic Reactions Emergency Treatment Act".  
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31 20-13-402. Purpose.

32 It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide a means of authorizing  
33 certain individuals to administer treatment to those persons who have severe  
34 adverse reactions to insect stings and other allergic reactions when a  
35 physician is not immediately available.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-404 is amended to read as follows:  
20-13-404. Eligibility for certificate.

Persons eligible to receive a certificate ~~pursuant to~~ under this subchapter shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;

(2) Have, or reasonably expect to have, responsibility for at least one (1) other person as a result of one’s relationship or occupational or volunteer status, for example, parents, camp counselors, scout leaders, schoolteachers, forest rangers, tour guides, or chaperones;

(3)(A) Have been properly instructed by a physician licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.

(B) The curriculum shall minimally include recognition of the symptoms of systemic reactions to insect stings and other allergic reactions and the proper administration of a subcutaneous injection of epinephrine.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-13-405(b), concerning the authority of insect sting and other allergic reaction certificate holders, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The certificate shall also authorize the certificate holder to possess and administer, in an emergency situation when a physician is not immediately available, the prescribed epinephrine to persons suffering a severe adverse reaction to an insect sting or other allergic reaction.

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