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SENATE BILL 394

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT TO EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUTO-INJECTABLE  
9 EPINEPHRINE; TO EXPAND IMMUNITY TO INCLUDE AN  
10 AUTHORIZED ENTITY THAT PROVIDES PRESCRIBED AUTO-  
11 INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 TO EXPAND PUBLIC ACCESS TO AUTO-  
16 INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE; AND TO EXPAND  
17 IMMUNITY TO INCLUDE AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY  
18 THAT PROVIDES PRESCRIBED AUTO-INJECTABLE  
19 EPINEPHRINE.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 20-13-403 and 20-13-404 are amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 20-13-403. ~~Definition.~~ Definitions.

27 As used in this subchapter, ~~“physician” means a natural person licensed~~  
28 ~~to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Arkansas~~  
29 ~~Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-~~  
30 ~~401 et seq.;~~

31 (1) "Authorized entity" means an entity or organization at which  
32 or in connection with which allergens capable of causing an anaphylactic  
33 reaction may be present, including without limitation:

- 34 (A) A restaurant;  
35 (B) An amusement park; and  
36 (C) A sports arena;



1           (2) "Auto-injectable epinephrine" means a single-use device used  
 2 for the automatic injection of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the  
 3 human body;

4           (3) "Certificate" means a certificate issued under this  
 5 subchapter to authorize the receipt, possession, and administration of  
 6 prescribed auto-injectable epinephrine;

7           (4) "Expected user" means an authorized entity's employee or  
 8 agent who is responsible for the storage, maintenance, and general  
 9 supervision of auto-injectable epinephrine acquired by the authorized entity;

10           (5) "Healthcare professional" means a licensed physician,  
 11 chiropractor, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist, or other licensed healthcare  
 12 professional;

13           (6) "Physician" means an individual licensed to practice  
 14 medicine in the State of Arkansas under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, §  
 15 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.; and

16           (7) "Self-administration" means a person's discretionary use of  
 17 auto-injectable epinephrine pursuant to a prescription or written direction  
 18 from a healthcare professional.

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 20           20-13-404. Eligibility for certificate.

21           ~~Persons eligible to~~ A person may receive a certificate under this  
 22 subchapter ~~shall meet the following requirements~~ only if the person:

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

24           (2) ~~Have~~ Has, or reasonably ~~expect~~ expects to have,  
 25 ~~responsibility for regular contact with~~ at least one (1) other person as a  
 26 result of ~~one's~~ the person's relationship or occupational or volunteer  
 27 status, including without limitation ~~parents, camp counselors, scout leaders,~~  
 28 ~~school nurses, school teachers, other school employees, forest rangers, tour~~  
 29 ~~guides, or chaperones; and;~~

30           (A) A parent;

31           (B) A camp counselor;

32           (C) A scout leader;

33           (D) A school nurse, school teacher, or other school  
 34 employee;

35           (E) A forest ranger;

36           (F) A tour guide;

1 (G) A chaperone; or

2 (H) An authorized entity; and

3 (3)(A) ~~Have~~ Has been properly instructed by a physician ~~licensed~~  
4 ~~under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et~~  
5 ~~seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq~~ or has completed an anaphylaxis training program  
6 conducted by a nationally recognized organization experienced in training  
7 laypersons in emergency health treatment or other person approved by the  
8 Department of Health.

9 (B) The ~~curriculum~~ instruction shall ~~minimally~~ include  
10 recognition of the symptoms of systemic reactions to insect stings and other  
11 allergic reactions and the proper administration of ~~a subcutaneous an~~  
12 injection of epinephrine.

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14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-13-405(b) and (c), concerning authority  
15 of a certificate holder, is amended to read as follows:

16 (b) The certificate ~~shall~~ also shall authorize the certificate holder  
17 to possess, provide, and administer, in an emergency situation when a  
18 physician is not immediately available, the prescribed epinephrine to ~~persons~~  
19 ~~suffering a severe adverse reaction to an insect sting or other allergic~~  
20 ~~reaction.~~ a person who:

21 (1) Has contact with the certificate holder as a result of the  
22 certificate holder's relationship or occupational or volunteer status under §  
23 20-13-404(2); and

24 (2) Appears to be suffering a severe adverse reaction to an  
25 insect sting or other allergic reaction.

26 ~~(c) The certificate holder may administer epinephrine as provided in~~  
27 ~~this subchapter only to those persons for whom the holder is responsible as~~  
28 ~~provided in § 20-13-404(2).~~

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30 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §§ 20-13-406 and 20-13-407 are amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 20-13-406. Immunity.

33 ~~No cause of action shall arise against a certificate holder pursuant to~~  
34 ~~this subchapter or against the issuing physician for any act or omission when~~  
35 ~~acting in good faith pursuant to the authority granted by this subchapter,~~  
36 ~~except when the conduct amounts to gross negligence.~~

1 (a) A person or entity that in good faith renders emergency care or  
2 treatment by the use of auto-injectable epinephrine is immune from civil  
3 liability resulting from:

4 (1) The emergency care or treatment; and

5 (2) Any good faith act or omission to provide or arrange for  
6 further medical treatment.

7 (b) A person or entity granted immunity under subsection (a) of this  
8 section includes without limitation:

9 (1) A physician or medical facility that distributes auto-  
10 injectable epinephrine or issues a certificate under this subchapter;

11 (2) A person or entity that provides auto-injectable epinephrine  
12 training to an expected user or authorized entity;

13 (3) A person or entity responsible for the location where the  
14 auto-injectable epinephrine is located or used; and

15 (4) A certificate holder.

16 (c) The immunity under subsection (a) of this section does not apply  
17 if the cause of action results from gross negligence or willful or wanton  
18 misconduct.

19 (d) Immunity under this section is in addition to the immunity  
20 provided to an individual acting as a "Good Samaritan" under the provisions  
21 of § 17-95-101.

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23 20-13-407. Administration of act.

24 ~~(a) The Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human~~  
25 ~~Services~~ Department of Health shall prepare ~~the appropriate~~ a certificate  
26 ~~form to be available to physicians upon request to accomplish the purposes of~~  
27 for use by a physician as authorized under this subchapter.

28 ~~(b)(1) A copy of all certificates~~ a certificate issued ~~pursuant to~~  
29 under this subchapter shall be forwarded by the issuing physician to the  
30 ~~division~~ department ~~to be maintained on file and subject to public~~  
31 inspection.

32 (2) The department shall maintain the copy on file and make it  
33 available for public inspection.

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35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 4, is  
36 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

1 20-13-408. Auto-injectable epinephrine use by an authorized entity.

2 (a) In order to ensure the public health and safety, an authorized  
3 entity that acquires auto-injectable epinephrine shall ensure that:

4 (1) An expected user:

5 (A) Completes appropriate knowledge and skills courses at  
6 least one (1) time every two (2) years in anaphylaxis and auto-injectable  
7 epinephrine use; and

8 (B) Obtains a certificate under this subchapter;

9 (2) The auto-injectable epinephrine is maintained according to  
10 the manufacturer's operational guidelines and instructions in a locked,  
11 secure location; and

12 (3) A person who renders emergency care or treatment to a person  
13 having an anaphylactic reaction by using auto-injectable epinephrine  
14 activates the emergency medical services system as soon as possible and  
15 immediately reports the use of auto-injectable epinephrine to the medical  
16 provider responding to the emergency.

17 (b) An authorized entity and its expected users may:

18 (1) Obtain a prescription in the name of the authorized entity  
19 for epinephrine auto-injectors and acquire epinephrine auto-injectors under  
20 the prescription;

21 (2) Provide auto-injectable epinephrine for immediate self-  
22 administration to an individual who the authorized entity or expected user  
23 believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the  
24 individual has a prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine or has  
25 previously been diagnosed with an allergy; and

26 (3) Administer auto-injectable epinephrine directly to an  
27 individual who the authorized entity or expected user believes in good faith  
28 is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the individual has a  
29 prescription for auto-injectable epinephrine or has been previously diagnosed  
30 with an allergy.

31 (c) An authorized entity that possesses and makes available auto-  
32 injectable epinephrine shall:

33 (1)(A) Submit to the Department of Health a report of each  
34 incident on the authorized entity's premises in which the authorized entity  
35 provides or administers auto-injectable epinephrine.

36 (B) The department annually shall publish a report that

1 summarizes and analyzes the reports submitted under this subdivision (c)(1);  
2 and  
3 (2) Notify an agent of emergency communications, 911, or vehicle  
4 dispatch center of the existence, location, and type of auto-injectable  
5 epinephrine.

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