



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6286

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY USE OF CARTRIDGE INJECTORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 52-557b of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (NEW) (h) Any person who has completed a course in first aid
4 offered by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association,
5 the National Ski Patrol, the Department of Public Health or any
6 director of health, as certified by the agency or director of health
7 offering the course, or has been trained in the use of a cartridge injector
8 by a licensed physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice
9 registered nurse or registered nurse, and who, voluntarily and
10 gratuitously and other than in the ordinary course of such person's
11 employment or practice, renders emergency assistance by using a
12 cartridge injector on another person in need thereof, shall not be liable
13 to such person assisted for civil damages for any personal injuries
14 which result from acts or omissions by such person in using a cartridge
15 injector, which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity
16 provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or omissions
17 constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. For the purposes of
18 this subsection, "cartridge injector" has the same meaning as provided
19 in subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) For the purposes of this
21 section:

22 (1) "Before or after school program" means any educational or
23 recreational program for children offered in any building or on the
24 grounds of any school by a local or regional board of education or
25 other municipal agency, or by a private provider, before or after
26 regular school hours, or both;

27 (2) "Cartridge injector" means an automatic prefilled cartridge
28 injector or similar automatic injectable equipment used to deliver
29 epinephrine in a standard dose for emergency first aid response to
30 allergic reactions;

31 (3) "Day camp" means any day camp, as defined in section 19a-420
32 of the general statutes, that is licensed under the provisions of chapter
33 368r of the general statutes, and any similar recreational camp
34 program operated by a municipal agency; and

35 (4) "Day care facility" means any child day care center or group day
36 care home that is licensed under the provisions of sections 19a-77 to
37 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive, of the general
38 statutes.

39 (b) Upon the request and with the written authorization of the
40 parent or guardian of a child attending any before or after school
41 program, day camp or day care facility, and pursuant to the written
42 order of (1) a physician licensed to practice medicine, (2) a physician
43 assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d of the
44 general statutes, or (3) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
45 to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a of the general statutes,
46 the owner or operator of such before or after school program, day
47 camp or day care facility shall approve and provide general
48 supervision to an identified staff member trained to administer
49 medication with a cartridge injector to such child if the child has a
50 medically diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt
51 treatment in order to protect the child against serious harm or death.

52 Such staff member shall be trained in the use of a cartridge injector by
53 a licensed physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice
54 registered nurse or registered nurse and shall complete a course in first
55 aid offered by the American Red Cross, the American Heart
56 Association, the National Ski Patrol, the Department of Public Health
57 or any director of health.

58 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in
59 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
60 carry out the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	52-557b
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*