OLR Bill Analysis

HB 6368

AN ACT ALLOWING EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS TO ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE WITHOUT THE USE OF AUTOMATIC PREFILLED CARTRIDGE INJECTORS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows an emergency medical technician (EMT) who has been trained in administering epinephrine to administer the medication without using an automatic prefilled cartridge injector (e.g., EpiPen), as required under current law. It makes a corresponding change that requires licensed and certified ambulances to be equipped with epinephrine that may or may not use such injectors.

The bill continues to require EMTs to administer epinephrine in accordance with the written protocols and standing orders of a hospital’s emergency department director.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21  Nay 0  (03/22/2019)