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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY REGARDING ALLOWING FIRST RESPONDERS TO CARRY AND ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE CARTRIDGE INJECTORS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "First responder" means any peace officer, as defined in section
3 53a-3 of the general statutes, any firefighter, as defined in section 7-313g
4 of the general statutes, any person employed as a firefighter by a private
5 employer, or any ambulance driver or emergency medical services
6 personnel, as such terms are defined in section 19a-175 of the general
7 statutes; and

8 (2) "Epinephrine cartridge injector" means an automatic, prefilled
9 cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment used to
10 deliver epinephrine in a standard dose for an emergency first aid
11 response to allergic reactions.

12 (b) The Department of Public Health, in collaboration with the
13 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, shall study

14 the feasibility of authorizing all first responders to carry and administer
15 epinephrine cartridge injectors. Not later than January 1, 2021, the
16 Commissioners of Public Health and Emergency Services and Public
17 Protection shall jointly report, in accordance with the provisions of
18 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of
19 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
20 health and emergency services and public protection regarding the
21 outcome of such study.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require a study regarding the feasibility of allowing all first responders to carry and administer epinephrine cartridge injectors.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]