
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1073

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY FIRST RESPONDERS.

SUMMARY

This bill requires emergency medical services (EMS) personnel and first responders to administer epinephrine using automatic prefilled cartridge injectors or similar automatic injectable equipment under the following conditions:

1. the EMS professional or first responder has been trained to do so according to national standards recognized by the Department of Public Health (DPH);
2. for EMS personnel, the medication is administered according to written protocols and standing orders of a licensed physician serving as an emergency department director; and
3. the EMS professional or first responder determines administering epinephrine is necessary to treat the person.

Current law allows, but does not require, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) to do this.

The bill requires all (1) EMS personnel and first responders to receive this training from a DPH-designated organization and (2) licensed or certified ambulances and vehicles operated by first responders to have epinephrine in these injectors or equipment for administration.

Under the bill, "EMS personnel" include EMTs, advanced EMTs, paramedics, and emergency medical responders. A "first responder" is a police officer or a municipal, privately-employed, or volunteer firefighter.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/27/2023)