



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1073

LCO No. 4488



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY FIRST RESPONDERS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-197a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 (a) As used in this section, ["emergency medical technician"]
4 "emergency medical services personnel" means (1) any class of
5 emergency medical technician certified [under regulations adopted
6 pursuant to section 20-206oo] pursuant to sections 20-206ll and 20-
7 206mm, including, but not limited to, any advanced emergency medical
8 technician, [and] (2) any paramedic licensed pursuant to [section]
9 sections 20-206ll and 20-206mm, and (3) any emergency medical
10 responder certified pursuant to sections 20-206ll and 20-206mm.

11 (b) Any emergency medical [technician] services personnel who has
12 been trained, in accordance with national standards recognized by the
13 Commissioner of Public Health, in the administration of epinephrine
14 using automatic prefilled cartridge injectors or similar automatic
15 injectable equipment and who functions in accordance with written

16 protocols and the standing orders of a licensed physician serving as an
17 emergency department director [may] shall administer epinephrine
18 using such injectors or equipment when the use of epinephrine is
19 deemed necessary by the emergency medical services personnel for the
20 treatment of a patient. All emergency medical [technicians] services
21 personnel shall receive such training from an organization designated
22 by the commissioner. All licensed or certified ambulances shall be
23 equipped with epinephrine in such injectors or equipment [which may
24 be administered] that the emergency medical services personnel shall
25 administer in accordance with written protocols and standing orders of
26 a licensed physician serving as an emergency department director.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section,
28 "first responder" means any police officer, as defined in section 19a-910
29 of the general statutes, any firefighter, as defined in said section, and
30 any person employed as a firefighter by a private employer.

31 (b) A first responder who has been trained, in accordance with
32 national standards recognized by the Commissioner of Public Health, in
33 the administration of epinephrine using automatic prefilled cartridge
34 injectors or similar automatic injectable equipment shall administer
35 epinephrine using such injectors or equipment when use of epinephrine
36 is deemed necessary by the first responder to treat a person. All first
37 responders shall receive such training from an organization designated
38 by the commissioner. All vehicles operated by a first responder in the
39 course of the first responder's employment as a first responder shall be
40 equipped with epinephrine in such injectors or equipment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	19a-197a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require first responders to carry and administer epinephrine.

[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.]