



General Assembly

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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 Section 19a-197a of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the 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
8 medical technician, [and] (2) any paramedic licensed pursuant to
9 [section] sections 20-206ll and 20-206mm, and (3) any emergency
10 medical responder certified pursuant to sections 20-206ll and 20-
11 206mm.

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

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

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

32 (b) A first responder who has been trained, in accordance with
 33 national standards recognized by the Commissioner of Public Health,
 34 in the administration of epinephrine using automatic prefilled
 35 cartridge injectors or similar automatic injectable equipment shall
 36 administer epinephrine using such injectors or equipment when use of
 37 epinephrine is deemed necessary by the first responder to treat a
 38 person. All first responders shall receive such training from an
 39 organization designated by the commissioner. All vehicles operated by
 40 a first responder in the course of the first responder's employment as a
 41 first responder shall be equipped with epinephrine in such injectors or
 42 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

PH *Joint Favorable*