

# SENATE BILL 915

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By: **Senator Manno**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine  
4 Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the  
5 purpose of the Program; authorizing the Department to adopt certain  
6 regulations, collect certain fees, issue and renew certain certificates, and  
7 conduct and approve certain training programs relating to the Program;  
8 establishing qualifications for applicants for a certain certificate; requiring the  
9 Department to issue certain certificates to certain applicants; providing for the  
10 contents, replacement, term, and renewal of certain certificates; authorizing  
11 certain physicians to prescribe and certain pharmacists to dispense  
12 auto-injectable epinephrine to certain certificate holders; authorizing certain  
13 certificate holders to take certain actions; providing that a cause of action may  
14 not arise against certain certificate holders for certain acts or omissions under  
15 certain circumstances; providing that a cause of action may not arise against  
16 certain physicians who prescribe or dispense auto-injectable epinephrine and  
17 certain paraphernalia to certain certificate holders under certain circumstances;  
18 providing that a cause of action may not arise against certain pharmacists who  
19 dispense auto-injectable epinephrine and certain paraphernalia to certain  
20 certificate holders under certain circumstances; providing for immunity from  
21 civil liability for certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing for  
22 the effect of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the construction of this  
23 Act; requiring certain certificate holders to submit to the Department a certain  
24 report; requiring the Department to publish a certain report on or before a  
25 certain date each year; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the  
26 Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program.

27 BY adding to

28 Article – Health – General

29 Section 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-10 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 7A.

30 Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program”

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 **SUBTITLE 7A. EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM.**

7 **13-7A-01.**

8 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
9 INDICATED.

10 (B) “AGENT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS APPOINTED BY A  
11 CERTIFICATE HOLDER THAT IS NOT AN INDIVIDUAL TO ADMINISTER  
12 AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
13 THE PROGRAM.

14 (C) “ANAPHYLAXIS” MEANS A SUDDEN, SEVERE, AND POTENTIALLY  
15 LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTION THAT OCCURS WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL  
16 IS EXPOSED TO AN ALLERGEN.

17 (D) “AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE” MEANS A PORTABLE,  
18 DISPOSABLE DRUG DELIVERY DEVICE THAT CONTAINS A PREMEASURED SINGLE  
19 DOSE OF EPINEPHRINE THAT IS USED TO TREAT ANAPHYLAXIS IN AN  
20 EMERGENCY SITUATION.

21 (E) “CERTIFICATE” MEANS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE  
22 DEPARTMENT TO AN AUTHORIZED PERSON TO OBTAIN, STORE, AND  
23 ADMINISTER AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.

24 (F) “CERTIFICATE HOLDER” MEANS A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY  
25 THE DEPARTMENT TO OBTAIN, STORE, AND ADMINISTER AUTO-INJECTABLE  
26 EPINEPHRINE TO BE USED IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION.

27 (G) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE EMERGENCY USE  
28 AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-7A-02  
29 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

30 **13-7A-02.**

1           **(A) THERE IS AN EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE**  
2 **PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

3           **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A MEANS OF**  
4 **AUTHORIZING PERSONS TO OBTAIN AND STORE AUTO-INJECTABLE**  
5 **EPINEPHRINE AND ADMINISTER AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE TO**  
6 **INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS WHEN PHYSICIAN OR**  
7 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE.**

8 **13-7A-03.**

9           **THE DEPARTMENT MAY:**

10           **(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE**  
11 **PROGRAM;**

12           **(2) COLLECT FEES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
13 **THE PROGRAM;**

14           **(3) ISSUE AND RENEW CERTIFICATES TO PERSONS MEETING THE**  
15 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

16           **(4) (I) CONDUCT EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS**  
17 **DESCRIBED IN § 13-7A -04(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND**

18                           **(II) APPROVE EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS**  
19 **CONDUCTED BY OTHER STATE AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ENTITIES.**

20 **13-7A-04.**

21           **(A) TO QUALIFY FOR A CERTIFICATE, A PERSON SHALL MEET THE**  
22 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23           **(B) THE APPLICANT OR AN AGENT OF THE APPLICANT SHALL BE AT**  
24 **LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.**

25           **(C) THE APPLICANT SHALL HAVE, OR REASONABLY EXPECT TO HAVE,**  
26 **RESPONSIBILITY FOR AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON AS A RESULT OF THE**  
27 **INDIVIDUAL'S OCCUPATION OR VOLUNTEER STATUS.**

28           **(D) (1) THE APPLICANT OR AGENT OF THE APPLICANT SHALL**  
29 **SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE AN EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVED**  
30 **BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

1           **(2) EDUCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS REQUIRED UNDER THIS**  
2 **SUBSECTION SHALL:**

3                   **(I) BE CONDUCTED BY:**

4                           1.   **A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**  
5 **IN THE STATE UNDER TITLE 14 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE;**

6                           2.   **A NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO IS LICENSED TO**  
7 **PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IN THE STATE UNDER TITLE 8 OF THE**  
8 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE AND IS CERTIFIED AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER**  
9 **BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING;**

10                          3.   **A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION**  
11 **EXPERIENCED IN TRAINING LAYPERSONS IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT;**  
12 **OR**

13                          4.   **ANY OTHER PERSON APPROVED BY THE**  
14 **DEPARTMENT; AND**

15                          **(II) INCLUDE TRAINING IN:**

16                           1.   **THE RECOGNITION OF THE SYMPTOMS OF**  
17 **ANAPHYLAXIS;**

18                           2.   **PROCEDURES FOR THE EMERGENCY**  
19 **ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE;**

20                           3.   **THE PROPER FOLLOW-UP EMERGENCY**  
21 **PROCEDURES AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE;**  
22 **AND**

23                           4.   **STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING,**  
24 **AND THE PROPER AND SECURE STORAGE OF, AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.**

25 **13-7A-05.**

26           **AN APPLICANT FOR A CERTIFICATE SHALL:**

27                          **(1) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE**  
28 **FORM THAT THE DEPARTMENT REQUIRES; AND**

1                   **(2) PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT THE APPLICATION FEE SET BY THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENT.**

3 **13-7A-06.**

4                   **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO ANY APPLICANT**  
5 **WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

6                   **(B) EACH CERTIFICATE SHALL INCLUDE:**

7                           **(1) THE FULL NAME OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER; AND**

8                           **(2) A SERIAL NUMBER.**

9                   **(C) A REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED TO REPLACE A LOST,**  
10 **DESTROYED, OR MUTILATED CERTIFICATE IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER PAYS**  
11 **THE CERTIFICATE REPLACEMENT FEE.**

12                   **(D) (1) THE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE VALID FOR 2 YEARS.**

13                           **(2) TO RENEW THE CERTIFICATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 2-YEAR**  
14 **TERM, THE APPLICANT OR THE AGENT OF THE APPLICANT SHALL:**

15                                   **(I) SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE A REFRESHER TRAINING**  
16 **PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT; OR**

17                                   **(II) DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

18 **13-7A-07.**

19                   **(A) (1) A PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE**  
20 **STATE MAY PRESCRIBE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE IN THE NAME OF A**  
21 **CERTIFICATE HOLDER.**

22                           **(2) A PHARMACIST LICENSED TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE**  
23 **STATE OR A PHYSICIAN MAY DISPENSE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE**  
24 **UNDER A PRESCRIPTION ISSUED TO A CERTIFICATE HOLDER.**

25                   **(B) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER MAY:**

26                           **(1) ON PRESENTMENT OF A CERTIFICATE, RECEIVE FROM ANY**  
27 **PHYSICIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE A PRESCRIPTION**

1 FOR AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE AND THE NECESSARY PARAPHERNALIA  
2 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE;

3 (2) POSSESS AND STORE PRESCRIBED AUTO-INJECTABLE  
4 EPINEPHRINE AND THE NECESSARY PARAPHERNALIA FOR THE  
5 ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE; AND

6 (3) IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION WHEN PHYSICIAN OR  
7 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ARE NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE,  
8 ADMINISTER AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS  
9 EXPERIENCING OR BELIEVED IN GOOD FAITH BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO  
10 BE EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS.

11 13-7A -08.

12 (A) A CAUSE OF ACTION MAY NOT ARISE AGAINST A CERTIFICATE  
13 HOLDER FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION IF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER IS ACTING IN  
14 GOOD FAITH WHILE RENDERING EMERGENCY TREATMENT TO AN INDIVIDUAL  
15 WHO IS EXPERIENCING OR BELIEVED BY THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO BE  
16 EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS UNLESS THE CONDUCT OF THE CERTIFICATE  
17 HOLDER AMOUNTS TO GROSS NEGLIGENCE, WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT,  
18 OR INTENTIONALLY TORTIOUS CONDUCT.

19 (B) (1) A CAUSE OF ACTION MAY NOT ARISE AGAINST ANY PHYSICIAN  
20 FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION IF THE PHYSICIAN IN GOOD FAITH PRESCRIBES OR  
21 DISPENSES AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE AND THE NECESSARY  
22 PARAPHERNALIA FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE  
23 EPINEPHRINE TO AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER §  
24 13-7A-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

25 (2) A CAUSE OF ACTION MAY NOT ARISE AGAINST ANY  
26 PHARMACIST FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION IF THE PHARMACIST IN GOOD FAITH  
27 DISPENSES AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE AND THE NECESSARY  
28 PARAPHERNALIA FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE  
29 EPINEPHRINE TO AN INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER §  
30 13-7A-06 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

31 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT ANY IMMUNITIES FROM CIVIL  
32 LIABILITY OR DEFENSES ESTABLISHED BY ANY OTHER PROVISION OF  
33 STATUTORY LAW OR BY COMMON LAW TO WHICH A VOLUNTEER, PHYSICIAN, OR  
34 PHARMACIST MAY BE ENTITLED.

35 13-7A -09.

1           **(A) THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO CREATE A DUTY ON**  
2 **ANY INDIVIDUAL TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, AND AN**  
3 **INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE HELD CIVILLY LIABLE FOR FAILING TO OBTAIN A**  
4 **CERTIFICATE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

5           **(B) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE HELD CIVILLY LIABLE IN ANY ACTION**  
6 **ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION OF**  
7 **AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE BY THE INDIVIDUAL SOLELY BECAUSE THE**  
8 **INDIVIDUAL DID NOT POSSESS A CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

9 **13-7A-10.**

10           **(A) A CERTIFICATE HOLDER SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT, ON A**  
11 **FORM REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT, A REPORT OF EACH INCIDENT THAT**  
12 **OCCURRED ON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S PREMISES THAT INVOLVED THE**  
13 **ADMINISTRATION OF AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE.**

14           **(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT**  
15 **SHALL PUBLISH A REPORT SUMMARIZING THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM**  
16 **THE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**  
17 **THIS SECTION.**

18           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
19 **October 1, 2014.**