



TOWN OF OCEAN CITY

The White Marlin Capital of the World

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Finance Committee

3 East
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 477 Public Health - Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program - Revisions

Dear Members of the Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Town of Ocean City, I write to inform you that we fully support Senate Bill 477 which authorizes a food entity on a voluntary basis to stock and maintain undesignated epinephrine in Maryland.

The tragic passing of Christopher Trimper, of Trimper Rides in Ocean City Maryland, is one of 700 deaths that occur annually due to anaphylaxis. Data shows death from anaphylaxis occurs more often when the individual is away from home due to either a delay before epinephrine is administered or it is given at all. Immediate access to this lifesaving is critical and can be a factor in someone's life or death. With the 8,000,000 individuals that visit Ocean City each year, this matter is extremely important.

This legislation will grant the authority to private dining establishments to forgo the proper training that is approved through the Maryland Department of Health to be able to store and administer auto-injectable epinephrine. This would be a great option for restaurants to have to make sure their customers with food allergies feel safe.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 477, Public Health - Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program - Revisions. For all of us who knew and loved Chris Trimper, we thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rick Meehan
Mayor

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RICHARD W. MEEHAN

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