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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY USE OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS**  
102 **BY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill permits entities and organizations other than schools to acquire and stock epinephrine auto-injectors. A health care practitioner may prescribe, and a health care practitioner or pharmacist may dispense, epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of an authorized entity where allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present. Each employee, agent, or other individual of the authorized entity must complete a

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

training program before using an epinephrine auto-injector. A trained employee, agent, or other individual of the authorized entity may either provide or administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person who the employee, agent, or other individual believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis.

An authorized entity may keep an emergency public access station (EPAS) containing epinephrine auto-injectors under the general oversight of a medical professional who is capable of communicating with a user in real time before the EPAS may be unlocked to dispense an epinephrine auto-injector.

The bill exempts from civil and criminal liability:

- ! An authorized entity that possesses and makes available an epinephrine auto-injector or an EPAS and the entity's employees, agents, and other individuals;
- ! An individual or entity that conducts the anaphylaxis training program;
- ! An individual who prescribes or dispenses an epinephrine auto-injector;
- ! An individual who provides or administers an epinephrine auto-injector;
- ! A medical professional who consults a user of an EPAS and makes an epinephrine auto-injector stored in the EPAS available to the user; and
- ! An individual who uses an EPAS.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** article 47 to title  
3 25 as follows:

4 **ARTICLE 47**

5 **Use of Epinephrine Injectors by Authorized Entities**

6 **25-47-101. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE:

7 (1) "ADMINISTER" MEANS TO DIRECTLY APPLY AN EPINEPHRINE  
8 AUTO-INJECTOR TO THE BODY OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

9 (2) "AUTHORIZED ENTITY" MEANS AN ENTITY OR ORGANIZATION,  
10 OTHER THAN A SCHOOL DESCRIBED IN SECTION 22-1-119.5, C.R.S., OR A  
11 HOSPITAL LICENSED OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-1.5-103 (1)

1 (a) (I) (A) OR 25-1.5-103 (1) (a) (II), AT WHICH ALLERGENS CAPABLE OF  
2 CAUSING ANAPHYLAXIS MAY BE PRESENT. THE TERM INCLUDES BUT IS NOT  
3 LIMITED TO RECREATION CAMPS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, DAY CARE  
4 FACILITIES, YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES, AMUSEMENT PARKS, RESTAURANTS,  
5 PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, AND SPORTS ARENAS.

6 (3) "EMERGENCY PUBLIC ACCESS STATION" OR "EPAS" MEANS A  
7 LOCKED, SECURE CONTAINER USED TO STORE EPINEPHRINE  
8 AUTO-INJECTORS FOR USE UNDER THE GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF A MEDICAL  
9 PROFESSIONAL, WHICH ALLOWS A LAY RESCUER TO CONSULT WITH A  
10 MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IN REAL TIME BY AUDIO, TELEVIDEO, OR OTHER  
11 SIMILAR MEANS OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION. UPON AUTHORIZATION  
12 OF THE CONSULTING MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, AN EPAS MAY BE  
13 UNLOCKED TO MAKE AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR AVAILABLE.

14 (4) "EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR" MEANS A SINGLE-USE DEVICE  
15 USED FOR THE AUTOMATIC INJECTION OF A PREMEASURED DOSE OF  
16 EPINEPHRINE INTO THE HUMAN BODY.

17 (5) "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER" MEANS A PERSON AUTHORIZED  
18 BY LAW TO PRESCRIBE ANY DRUG OR DEVICE, ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE  
19 OF HIS OR HER AUTHORITY.

20 (6) "MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER  
21 PERSON AUTHORIZED BY APPLICABLE LAW TO PRESCRIBE DRUGS IN THIS  
22 STATE OR ANOTHER STATE.

23 (7) "PHARMACIST" HAS THE MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION  
24 12-42.5-102 (28), C.R.S.

25 (8) "PROVIDE" MEANS TO SUPPLY ONE OR MORE EPINEPHRINE  
26 AUTO-INJECTORS TO AN INDIVIDUAL.

27 **25-47-102. Stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors -**

1 **emergency administration.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF  
2 LAW TO THE CONTRARY:

3 (a) **Prescribing to an authorized entity permitted.** A HEALTH  
4 CARE PRACTITIONER MAY PRESCRIBE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS IN THE  
5 NAME OF AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
6 ARTICLE, AND PHARMACISTS AND HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS MAY  
7 DISPENSE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS PURSUANT TO A PRESCRIPTION  
8 ISSUED IN THE NAME OF AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY; AND

9 (b) **Authorized entities permitted to maintain supply.** AN  
10 AUTHORIZED ENTITY MAY ACQUIRE AND STOCK A SUPPLY OF EPINEPHRINE  
11 AUTO-INJECTORS PURSUANT TO A PRESCRIPTION ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE  
12 WITH THIS SECTION.

13 (2) EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS MUST BE STORED:

14 (a) IN A LOCATION THAT WILL BE READILY ACCESSIBLE IN AN  
15 EMERGENCY;

16 (b) ACCORDING TO THE APPLICABLE INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE; AND

17 (c) IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS THAT  
18 MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

19 (3) AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY SHALL DESIGNATE EMPLOYEES OR  
20 AGENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SECTION  
21 25-47-104 TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE STORAGE, MAINTENANCE,  
22 CONTROL, AND GENERAL OVERSIGHT OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS  
23 ACQUIRED BY THE AUTHORIZED ENTITY.

24 **25-47-103. Use of epinephrine auto-injectors.** (1) AN  
25 EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL  
26 WHO HAS COMPLETED THE TRAINING REQUIRED BY SECTION 25-47-104  
27 MAY USE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO

1 SECTION 25-47-102 TO PROVIDE OR ADMINISTER AN EPINEPHRINE  
2 AUTO-INJECTOR TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO THE EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR  
3 OTHER INDIVIDUAL BELIEVES IN GOOD FAITH IS EXPERIENCING  
4 ANAPHYLAXIS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A  
5 PRESCRIPTION FOR AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR OR HAS PREVIOUSLY  
6 BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH AN ALLERGY, OR TO PROVIDE AN EPINEPHRINE  
7 AUTO-INJECTOR TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CAREGIVER OF THE  
8 INDIVIDUAL; AND

9 (2) THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR IN  
10 ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION IS NEITHER THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE  
11 NOR OF ANY OTHER PROFESSION THAT REQUIRES LICENSURE.

12 **25-47-104. Training.** (1) AN EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR OTHER  
13 INDIVIDUAL MUST COMPLETE AN ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING PROGRAM  
14 BEFORE USING AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR. THE TRAINING MUST BE  
15 CONDUCTED BY A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCED  
16 IN TRAINING LAYPERSONS IN EMERGENCY HEALTH TREATMENT OR BY AN  
17 INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. THE  
18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH MAY APPROVE SPECIFIC ENTITIES OR  
19 INDIVIDUALS TO CONDUCT TRAINING OR MAY APPROVE SPECIFIC CLASSES  
20 BY INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES. THE TRAINING MAY BE CONDUCTED ON-LINE  
21 OR IN-PERSON AND, AT A MINIMUM, MUST COVER:

22 (a) HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF SEVERE  
23 ALLERGIC REACTIONS, INCLUDING ANAPHYLAXIS;

24 (b) THE STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE STORAGE AND  
25 ADMINISTRATION OF AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR; AND

26 (c) EMERGENCY FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES.

27 (2) THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS THE

1 ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING PROGRAM SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE, ON A  
2 FORM DEVELOPED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO  
3 EACH PERSON WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES THE ANAPHYLAXIS  
4 TRAINING PROGRAM.

5 **25-47-105. Reporting.** AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY THAT POSSESSES  
6 AND MAKES AVAILABLE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS SHALL SUBMIT TO  
7 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ON A FORM DEVELOPED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, A REPORT OF EACH INCIDENT ON THE  
9 AUTHORIZED ENTITY'S PREMISES THAT INVOLVES THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
10 AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 25-47-103. THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SHALL ANNUALLY PUBLISH A REPORT THAT  
12 SUMMARIZES AND ANALYZES ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO IT UNDER THIS  
13 SECTION.

14 **25-47-106. Emergency public access stations - life-saving**  
15 **allergy medication.** (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE  
16 CONTRARY:

17 (a) A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL MAY PRESCRIBE A STOCK SUPPLY OF  
18 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS TO ANY AUTHORIZED ENTITY FOR STORAGE  
19 IN AN EPAS, AND MAY PLACE A STOCK SUPPLY OF EPINEPHRINE  
20 AUTO-INJECTORS IN AN EPAS MAINTAINED BY AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY;

21 (b) A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL MAY CONSULT THE USER OF AN  
22 EPAS AND MAKE THE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS STORED IN THE EPAS  
23 AVAILABLE TO THE USER; AND

24 (c) ANY PERSON MAY USE AN EPAS TO ADMINISTER OR PROVIDE  
25 AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR TO AN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED IN GOOD  
26 FAITH TO BE EXPERIENCING ANAPHYLAXIS OR TO PROVIDE AN EPINEPHRINE  
27 AUTO-INJECTOR TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CAREGIVER OF THE

1 INDIVIDUAL.

2 (2) THE USE OF AN EPAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ARTICLE IS  
3 NEITHER THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE NOR OF ANY OTHER PROFESSION THAT  
4 REQUIRES LICENSURE.

5 **25-47-107. Good samaritan protections - liability.** (1) THE  
6 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES ARE IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL  
7 LIABILITY AND FROM SUIT IN ANY CIVIL ACTION BROUGHT BY ANY PERSON  
8 FOR INJURIES OR RELATED DAMAGES THAT RESULT FROM AN ACT OR  
9 OMISSION TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE:

10 (a) AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY THAT POSSESSES AND MAKES  
11 AVAILABLE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS OR AN EPAS AND THE ENTITY'S  
12 EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS;

13 (b) AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY THAT DOES NOT POSSESS OR MAKE  
14 AVAILABLE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS OR AN EPAS AND THE ENTITY'S  
15 EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS;

16 (c) AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY THAT CONDUCTS AN ANAPHYLAXIS  
17 TRAINING PROGRAM;

18 (d) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PRESCRIBES OR DISPENSES AN  
19 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR;

20 (e) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ADMINISTERS OR PROVIDES AN  
21 EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR;

22 (f) A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL WHO CONSULTS THE USER OF AN  
23 EPAS AND MAKES THE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS STORED IN THE  
24 EPAS AVAILABLE TO THE USER; OR

25 (g) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO USES AN EPAS.

26 (2) IMMUNITY UNDER SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT  
27 APPLY TO ACTS OR OMISSIONS THAT ARE GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR WILLFUL

1 AND WANTON.

2 (3) THIS SECTION DOES NOT ELIMINATE, LIMIT, OR REDUCE ANY  
3 OTHER IMMUNITY OR DEFENSE THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE UNDER STATE  
4 LAW, INCLUDING THE PROTECTIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 13-21-108,  
5 C.R.S.

6 (4) AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY LOCATED IN THIS STATE THAT  
7 PROVIDES OR ADMINISTERS AN EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR OUTSIDE OF  
8 THIS STATE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY RESULTING INJURIES OR RELATED  
9 DAMAGES IF THE AUTHORIZED ENTITY:

10 (a) WOULD NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE INJURIES OR RELATED  
11 DAMAGES IF THE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR HAD BEEN PROVIDED OR  
12 ADMINISTERED IN THIS STATE; OR

13 (b) IS NOT LIABLE FOR INJURIES OR RELATED DAMAGES UNDER THE  
14 LAW OF THE STATE WHERE THE AUTHORIZED ENTITY PROVIDED OR  
15 ADMINISTERED THE EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTOR.

16 **25-47-108. Health care professionals - hospitals - obligations**  
17 **under state and federal law.** NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE LIMITS THE  
18 OBLIGATIONS OF A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL OR HOSPITAL UNDER  
19 STATE OR FEDERAL LAW IN PRESCRIBING, STORING, OR ADMINISTERING  
20 DRUGS OR DEVICES.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-36-117, **amend**  
22 (1.8) as follows:

23 **12-36-117. Unprofessional conduct.** (1.8) A licensee ~~shall~~ IS not  
24 ~~be~~ subject to disciplinary action by the board for issuing standing orders  
25 and protocols regarding the use of epinephrine auto-injectors in a public  
26 or nonpublic school in accordance with the requirements of section  
27 22-1-119.5, C.R.S., ~~or~~ for the actions taken by a school nurse or by any



1 designated school personnel who administer epinephrine auto-injectors  
2 in accordance with the requirements of section 22-1-119.5, C.R.S., OR  
3 FOR PRESCRIBING EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
4 THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 47 OF TITLE 25, C.R.S.

5 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-38-125, **add** (1)  
6 (o) as follows:

7 **12-38-125. Exclusions.** (1) No provision of this article shall be  
8 construed to prohibit:

9 (o) A PRESCRIPTION BY AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE WITH  
10 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE USE OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS  
11 BY AN AUTHORIZED ENTITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 47 OF TITLE 25,  
12 C.R.S.

13 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-42.5-102, **amend**  
14 (42) (b) (XV) as follows:

15 **12-42.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the  
16 context otherwise requires or the term is otherwise defined in another part  
17 of this article:

18 (42) (b) "Wholesale distribution" does not include:

19 (XV) The distribution, donation, or sale by a manufacturer or  
20 wholesaler of a stock supply of epinephrine auto-injectors to public  
21 schools or nonpublic schools for emergency use by designated school  
22 personnel in accordance with the requirements of section 22-1-119.5,  
23 C.R.S., OR TO OTHER ENTITIES FOR EMERGENCY USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
24 THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 47 OF TITLE 25, C.R.S.

25 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
26 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

