

Sixty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2248

Introduced by

Senators Bell, K. Roers

Representative Rohr

1 A BILL ~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-01-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code,~~
2 ~~relating to administration of epinephrine.~~for an Act to amend and reenact section 23-01-05.2 of
3 the North Dakota Century Code, relating to epinephrine prescription, distribution, possession, or
4 use and immunity from liability; and to declare an emergency.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 ~~SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 23-01-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is~~
7 ~~amended and reenacted as follows:~~

8 ~~23-01-05.2. Administration of epinephrine -- Liability.~~

9 ~~1. The state health officer~~council ~~shall adopt rules to authorize a layperson~~any member
10 of the public ~~to administer epinephrine to an individual who has a severe allergic~~
11 ~~reaction.~~

12 ~~2. An individual authorized to administer epinephrine by the state health officer may~~
13 ~~obtain premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia for~~
14 ~~epinephrine administration from any licensed physician or pharmacist.~~

15 ~~3. An individual authorized to administer epinephrine by the state health officer, and the~~
16 ~~employer of such an individual, is not civilly or criminally liable for any act or omission~~
17 ~~of that individual when acting in good faith while rendering emergency treatment to an~~
18 ~~individual who has a severe adverse reaction, except when the conduct amounts to~~
19 ~~gross negligence.~~

20 ~~4. Rules adopted under this section may not:~~

21 ~~a. Limit the individuals authorized to administer epinephrine to teachers, camp~~
22 ~~counselors, day counselors, day care operators, and security personnel;~~

23 ~~b. Require training by a physician licensed by the North Dakota board of medicine~~
24 ~~or the physician's designee to administer epinephrine; or~~

1 ~~c. Require a prescription to obtain a disposable device to administer~~
2 ~~epinephrine.~~

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-01-05.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is
4 amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **23-01-05.2. Administration of epinephrine -- Liability** Epinephrine prescription,
6 distribution, possession, or use - Immunity from liability.

7 1. ~~The state health officer shall adopt rules to authorize a layperson to administer~~
8 ~~epinephrine to an individual who has a severe allergic reaction.~~

9 ~~2. An individual authorized to administer epinephrine by the state health officer may~~
10 ~~obtain premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia for~~
11 ~~epinephrine administration from any licensed physician or pharmacist.~~

12 ~~3. An individual authorized to administer epinephrine by the state health officer, and the~~
13 ~~employer of such an individual, is not civilly or criminally liable for any act or omission~~
14 ~~of that individual when acting in good faith while rendering emergency treatment to an~~
15 ~~individual who has a severe adverse reaction, except when the conduct amounts to~~
16 ~~gross negligence.~~ As used in this section:

17 a. "Epinephrine" means a single-use disposable device that automatically injects a
18 premeasured dose of epinephrine.

19 b. "Health care professional" means a licensed or certified health care professional
20 who is working within the scope of practice for that profession. The term may
21 include a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, and
22 pharmacist acting in the professional's scope of practice.

23 2. A health care professional acting in good faith may directly or by standing order
24 prescribe, distribute, or dispense epinephrine, if the health care professional provides
25 training to:

26 a. An individual at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction; or

27 b. A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist an individual at
28 risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction.

29 3. A person acting in good faith may receive or possess epinephrine if that person is:

30 a. An individual at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction; or

1 b. A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist an individual at
2 risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction.

3 4. An individual acting in good faith may self-administer epinephrine or administer
4 epinephrine to another individual who the administering individual suspects is at risk of
5 experiencing a severe allergic reaction.

6 5. A person may receive, possess, or administer epinephrine under subsection 3 or 4,
7 regardless of whether the person is the individual for or the person to which the
8 epinephrine is prescribed, distributed, or dispensed. A person in possession of
9 epinephrine which is acting in good faith may provide training on how to use
10 epinephrine.

11 6. A health care professional who prescribes, distributes, trains on the use of, or
12 dispenses epinephrine as authorized under this section is not subject to professional
13 discipline for such action. This section does not expand the scope of practice of a
14 health care professional.

15 7. A person that prescribes, distributes, dispenses, receives, possesses, trains in the use
16 of, or administers epinephrine as authorized under this section is immune from civil
17 and criminal liability for such action. This subsection provides immunity to the person
18 responsible for the site on which the epinephrine is located. Immunity from liability or
19 discipline under this subsection does not apply if the person's actions constitute
20 recklessness, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct.

21 **SECTION 2. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure.