

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with House Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2248**

Introduced by

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

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

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

6 **23-01-05.2. Administration of epinephrine -- LiabilityEpinephrine prescription,**  
7 **distribution, possession, or use - Immunity from liability.**

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

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

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

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

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

- 1       2. A health care professional acting in good faith may directly or by standing order  
2       prescribe, distribute, or dispense epinephrine, if the health care professional provides  
3       training to:
  - 4       a. An individual at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction; or
  - 5       b. A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist an individual at  
6       risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction.
- 7       3. A person acting in good faith may receive or possess epinephrine if that person is:
  - 8       a. An individual at risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction; or
  - 9       b. A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist an individual at  
10       risk of experiencing a severe allergic reaction.
- 11      4. An individual acting in good faith may self-administer epinephrine or administer  
12      epinephrine to another individual who the administering individual suspects is at risk of  
13      experiencing a severe allergic reaction.
- 14      5. A person may receive, possess, or administer epinephrine under subsection 3 or 4,  
15      regardless of whether the person is the individual for or the person to which the  
16      epinephrine is prescribed, distributed, or dispensed. A person in possession of  
17      epinephrine which is acting in good faith may provide training on how to use  
18      epinephrine.
- 19      6. A health care professional who prescribes, distributes, trains on the use of, or  
20      dispenses epinephrine as authorized under this section is not subject to professional  
21      discipline for such action. This section does not expand the scope of practice of a  
22      health care professional.
- 23      7. A person that prescribes, distributes, dispenses, receives, possesses, trains in the use  
24      of, or administers epinephrine as authorized under this section is immune from civil  
25      and criminal liability for such action. This subsection provides immunity to the person  
26      responsible for the site on which the epinephrine is located. Immunity from liability or  
27      discipline under this subsection does not apply if the person's actions constitute  
28      recklessness, gross negligence, or intentional misconduct.