

Senate Study Bill 1103 - Introduced

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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the dispensing of an epinephrine
2 auto-injector by a pharmacist without a prescription.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 155A.49 Pharmacist dispensing of
2 epinephrine auto-injectors without a prescription — protocol —
3 immunity.

4 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
5 contrary, in accordance with a protocol developed pursuant
6 to this section, a pharmacist may dispense an epinephrine
7 auto-injector without a prescription to a person who is at
8 least eighteen years of age if the pharmacist has a record
9 of previously dispensing epinephrine to the person in
10 accordance with a prescription issued by a licensed health care
11 professional authorized to prescribe drugs.

12 2. A pharmacist who dispenses an epinephrine auto-injector
13 under this section shall do all of the following:

14 a. Provide instruction to the person to whom the epinephrine
15 auto-injector is dispensed to summon emergency services as
16 soon as practicable either before or after administering the
17 epinephrine.

18 b. Provide notice of the dispensing to the person's primary
19 care provider, if known, or to the prescriber who issued the
20 person the initial prescription for epinephrine.

21 3. A pharmacist may document the dispensing of an
22 epinephrine auto-injector on a prescription form for
23 recordkeeping purposes.

24 4. This section does not affect the authority of a
25 pharmacist to fill or refill a prescription for epinephrine.

26 5. A prescriber or pharmacist acting reasonably and in good
27 faith, in accordance and compliance with the protocol developed
28 under this section, shall not be subject to licensee discipline
29 or liable for any injury arising from the prescribing or
30 dispensing of an epinephrine auto-injector as provided in this
31 section.

32 6. The board of pharmacy in consultation with the board
33 of medicine shall develop the protocol to be applied under
34 this section and shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to
35 administer this section.

1 For the purposes of the bill, "epinephrine auto-injector"
2 means a device for immediate self-administration or
3 administration by another trained individual of a measured dose
4 of epinephrine to a person at risk of anaphylaxis and "licensed
5 health care professional" means a person licensed to practice
6 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery,
7 an advanced registered nurse practitioner, or a physician
8 assistant.