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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the possession and administration of an epinephrine
3 auto-injector by certain entities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section [773.014](#), Health and
6 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 773.014. ADMINISTRATION OF EPINEPHRINE BY EMERGENCY
8 MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter [773](#), Health and Safety
10 Code, is amended by adding Section 773.0145 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 773.0145. POSSESSION AND ADMINISTRATION OF
12 EPINEPHRINE BY CERTAIN ENTITIES. (a) This section applies to:

13 (1) an amusement park, as defined by Section [46.035](#),
14 Penal Code;

15 (2) a child-care facility, as defined by Section
16 [42.002](#), Human Resources Code;

17 (3) a day camp or youth camp, as defined by Section
18 [141.002](#);

19 (4) an institution of higher education or private or
20 independent institution of higher education, as defined by Section
21 [61.003](#), Education Code;

22 (5) a restaurant, as defined by Section [17.821](#),
23 Business & Commerce Code;

24 (6) a sports venue, as defined by Section [504.151](#),

1 Local Government Code;

2 (7) a youth center, as defined by Section 481.134; or

3 (8) any other entity that the executive commissioner
4 by rule designates as an entity that would benefit from the
5 possession and administration of epinephrine auto-injectors.

6 (b) An entity described by Subsection (a) may adopt a policy
7 regarding the maintenance, administration, and disposal of
8 epinephrine auto-injectors.

9 (c) A policy adopted under Subsection (b) must provide that
10 only an entity employee or volunteer who is authorized and trained
11 may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person who is
12 reasonably believed to be experiencing anaphylaxis on the premises
13 of the entity.

14 (d) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules regarding
15 the maintenance, administration, and disposal of an epinephrine
16 auto-injector by an entity subject to a policy adopted under
17 Subsection (b). The rules must establish:

18 (1) the number of epinephrine auto-injectors
19 available at each entity;

20 (2) the process for each entity to verify the
21 inventory of epinephrine auto-injectors at regular intervals for
22 expiration and replacement; and

23 (3) the amount of training required for an entity
24 employee or volunteer to administer an epinephrine auto-injector.

25 (e) Each entity that adopts a policy under Subsection (b)
26 must have at least one entity employee or volunteer authorized and
27 trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector present during

1 all hours the entity is open to the public or to the population that
2 the entity serves, as applicable.

3 (f) The supply of epinephrine auto-injectors at each entity
4 must be stored in a secure location and be easily accessible to an
5 entity employee or volunteer authorized and trained to administer
6 an epinephrine auto-injector.

7 (g) Each entity that adopts a policy under Subsection (b) is
8 responsible for training the entity's employees and volunteers in
9 the administration of an epinephrine auto-injector.

10 (h) Employee and volunteer training under this section
11 must:

12 (1) include information on:

13 (A) recognizing the signs and symptoms of
14 anaphylaxis;

15 (B) administering an epinephrine auto-injector;

16 (C) implementing emergency procedures, if
17 necessary, after administering an epinephrine auto-injector; and

18 (D) properly disposing of used or expired
19 epinephrine auto-injectors; and

20 (2) be completed annually in a formal training session
21 or through online education.

22 (i) Each entity shall maintain records on the training
23 completed by each employee and volunteer under this section.

24 (j) A physician or person who has been delegated
25 prescriptive authority under Chapter 157, Occupations Code, may
26 prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of an entity.

27 (k) A physician or other person who prescribes epinephrine

1 auto-injectors under Subsection (j) shall provide the entity with a
2 standing order for the administration of an epinephrine
3 auto-injector to a person reasonably believed to be experiencing
4 anaphylaxis.

5 (l) The standing order under Subsection (k) is not required
6 to be patient-specific, and the epinephrine auto-injector may be
7 administered to a person without a previously established
8 physician-patient relationship.

9 (m) Notwithstanding any other law, supervision or
10 delegation by a physician is considered adequate if the physician:

- 11 (1) periodically reviews the order; and
12 (2) is available through direct telecommunication as
13 needed for consultation, assistance, and direction.

14 (n) An order issued under this section must contain:

- 15 (1) the name and signature of the prescriber;
16 (2) the name of the entity to which the order is
17 issued;
18 (3) the quantity of epinephrine auto-injectors to be
19 obtained and maintained under the order; and
20 (4) the date of issue.

21 (o) A pharmacist may dispense an epinephrine auto-injector
22 to an entity without requiring the name or any other identifying
23 information relating to the user.

24 (p) A person who in good faith takes, or fails to take, any
25 action under this section is immune from civil or criminal
26 liability or disciplinary action resulting from that action or
27 failure to act, including:

1 (1) issuing an order for epinephrine auto-injectors;

2 (2) supervising or delegating the administration of an
3 epinephrine auto-injector;

4 (3) possessing, maintaining, storing, or disposing of
5 an epinephrine auto-injector;

6 (4) prescribing an epinephrine auto-injector;

7 (5) dispensing an epinephrine auto-injector;

8 (6) administering, or assisting in administering, an
9 epinephrine auto-injector;

10 (7) providing, or assisting in providing, training,
11 consultation, or advice in the development, adoption, or
12 implementation of policies, guidelines, rules, or plans; or

13 (8) undertaking any other act permitted or required
14 under this section.

15 (g) The immunities and protections provided by this section
16 are in addition to other immunities or limitations of liability
17 provided by law.

18 (r) Notwithstanding any other law, this section does not
19 create a civil, criminal, or administrative cause of action or
20 liability or create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that
21 provides a basis for a cause of action for an act or omission under
22 this section.

23 (s) A cause of action does not arise from an act or omission
24 described by this section.

25 (t) An entity and entity employees or volunteers are immune
26 from suit resulting from an act, or failure to act, under this
27 section, including an act or failure to act under related policies

1 and procedures.

2 (u) An act or failure to act by entity employees or
3 volunteers under this section, including an act or failure to act
4 under related policies and procedures, is the exercise of judgment
5 or discretion on the part of the entity employee or volunteer and is
6 not considered to be a ministerial act for purposes of liability of
7 the entity.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.