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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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5 emergency situations.

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7 * **Section 1.** AS 17 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

8 **Chapter 22. Use of Epinephrine in Emergency Situations.**

9 **Sec. 17.22.010. Prescription, purchase, and administration of epinephrine**

10 **by a trained individual.** An individual who is 18 years of age or older may obtain a
11 prescription for, purchase, and, in an emergency situation, administer epinephrine
12 using

13 (1) an auto-injector, if the individual has successfully completed a

1 training program approved by the department under AS 17.22.020(b); or

2 (2) an ampule, if the individual has successfully completed a training
3 program approved by the department under AS 17.22.020(c).

4 **Sec. 17.22.020. Approval of training programs.** (a) The department shall
5 adopt standards for the approval of training programs for the use of

6 (1) epinephrine auto-injectors; and

7 (2) epinephrine ampules.

8 (b) The department shall approve an auto-injector training program that meets
9 standards adopted under (a)(1) of this section. The standards must require an
10 epinephrine auto-injector program to provide training in

11 (1) techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe asthmatic or
12 allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis;

13 (2) standards and procedures for the storage of epinephrine auto-
14 injectors and administration of epinephrine using auto-injectors; and

15 (3) emergency follow-up procedures.

16 (c) The department shall approve an epinephrine ampule training program that
17 meets standards adopted under (a)(2) of this section. The standards must require an
18 epinephrine ampule program to provide training in

19 (1) techniques on how to recognize symptoms of severe asthmatic or
20 allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis;

21 (2) standards and procedures for the storage of epinephrine ampules
22 and administration of epinephrine using ampules; and

23 (3) emergency follow-up procedures.

24 **Sec. 17.22.030. Applicability.** This chapter does not apply to a person who is
25 authorized under another law to administer epinephrine or to a person who is
26 prescribed epinephrine for personal use.

27 **Sec. 17.22.040. Liability of certified individual.** A claim for relief may not be
28 brought against an individual who has successfully completed a training program
29 approved by the department under AS 17.22.020 for an act or omission relating to the
30 administration of epinephrine to another individual in an emergency situation if the
31 individual who completed the training program acted in good faith under the authority

1 granted by this chapter.

2 **Sec. 17.22.090. Definitions.** In this chapter,

3 (1) "department" means the Department of Health and Social Services;

4 (2) "emergency situation" means a circumstance where an individual
5 experiences, or appears to experience, a severe asthmatic or allergic reaction,
6 including anaphylaxis, that requires the administration of epinephrine to avoid severe
7 injury or death and where a certified or licensed health care provider authorized to
8 administer epinephrine is not reasonably available.