



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 445

February Session, 2022



AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PEACE OFFICER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition,
3 whether physical, behavioral, or related to a substance use disorder or
4 mental health disorder, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient
5 severity, including severe pain, that in the absence of prompt medical
6 attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson who
7 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to result in
8 placing the health of the person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment
9 to body function or serious dysfunction of any body organ or part;

10 (2) "Medically unstable" means any condition, whether physical,
11 behavioral, or related to a substance use disorder or mental health
12 disorder, that manifests in an unstable medical or mental health status,
13 which could reasonably be understood by a prudent layperson who
14 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to lead to an
15 emergency medical condition; and

16 (3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3

17 of the general statutes.

18 (b) Any person, who experiences an emergency medical condition or
19 is medically unstable while under the custody or control of a peace
20 officer, shall have the right to be provided with emergency medical
21 services.

22 (c) A peace officer shall immediately request emergency medical
23 services for any person under their custody or control who: (1) Has
24 communicated to the peace officer that such person is (A) experiencing
25 an emergency medical condition, or (B) medically unstable, or (2) has
26 been observed by the peace officer to be (A) experiencing an emergency
27 medical condition, or (B) medically unstable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2022	New section

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