



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR 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, 2023*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

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

12 (2) "Medically unstable" means any condition, whether physical,
13 behavioral, or related to a substance use disorder or mental health
14 disorder, that manifests in an unstable medical or mental health status,

15 which could reasonably be understood by a prudent layperson who
16 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to lead to an
17 emergency medical condition; and

18 (3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-
19 3 of the general statutes.

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

24 (c) A peace officer shall immediately request emergency medical
25 services for any person who is under such officer's custody or control
26 or otherwise in direct audio or visual contact with the peace officer
27 when such person: (1) Has communicated to the peace officer that the
28 person is (A) experiencing an emergency medical condition, or (B)
29 medically unstable, or (2) has been observed by the peace officer to be
30 (A) experiencing an emergency medical condition, or (B) medically
31 unstable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable*