

SENATE BILL 2579

By Yarbro

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 16; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to epinephrine.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Epinephrine auto-injector" means a single-use device used to administer by automatic injection a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the body of a person; and

(2) "Healthcare provider" means healthcare professionals licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to title 63 or title 68, and regulated under the authority of either the department of health or any agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department of health.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and to the extent permitted by federal law, a healthcare provider may dispense an epinephrine auto-injector to a person without a prescription.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.