

By: Representatives Moody, Montgomery (15th)

To: Public Health and Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 1089

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-59-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 DEFINE "AUTO-INJECTOR" AND "FIRST RESPONDER" FOR THE PURPOSE OF
3 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES LAW; TO PROVIDE THAT FIRST
4 RESPONDERS AND ALL LEVELS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, WHEN
5 AUTHORIZED BY MEDICAL DIRECTION, MAY CARRY AND ADMINISTER
6 EPINEPHRINE FROM AUTO-INJECTORS TO TREAT PERSONS EXPERIENCING
7 ALLERGIC REACTIONS AND ANAPHYLAXIS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-59-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 41-59-3. As used in this chapter, unless the context
12 otherwise requires, the term:

13 (a) "Ambulance" shall mean any privately or publicly
14 owned land or air vehicle that is especially designed,
15 constructed, modified or equipped to be used, maintained and
16 operated upon the streets, highways or airways of this state to
17 assist persons who are sick, injured, wounded, or otherwise
18 incapacitated or helpless;

19 (b) "Auto-injector" means a spring-loaded needle and
20 syringe with a single dose of medicine that will automatically
21 release and inject the medicine.

22 (c) "Permit" shall mean an authorization issued for an
23 ambulance vehicle and/or a special use EMS vehicle as meeting the
24 standards adopted pursuant to this chapter;

25 (d) "License" shall mean an authorization to any
26 person, firm, corporation, or governmental division or agency to
27 provide ambulance services in the State of Mississippi;



28 (e) "Emergency medical technician" shall mean an
29 individual who possesses a valid emergency medical technician's
30 certificate issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

31 (f) "Certificate" shall mean official acknowledgment
32 that an individual has successfully completed the recommended
33 basic emergency medical technician training course referred to in
34 this chapter which entitles that individual to perform the
35 functions and duties of an emergency medical technician;

36 (g) "Board" shall mean the State Board of Health;

37 (h) "Department" means the Mississippi State Department
38 of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services;

39 (i) "Executive officer" shall mean the Executive
40 Officer of the State Board of Health or his designated
41 representative;

42 (j) "First Responder" means a person who uses a limited
43 amount of equipment to perform the initial assessment of and
44 intervention with sick, wounded or otherwise incapacitated
45 persons, who (i) is trained to assist other EMS personnel by
46 successfully completing, within the previous two (2) years, an
47 approved National Standard First Responder education program, as
48 developed and promulgated by the United States Department of
49 Transportation, and (ii) is nationally registered as a First
50 Responder by the National Registry of Emergency Medical
51 Technicians;

52 (k) "Invalid vehicle" shall mean any privately or
53 publicly owned land or air vehicle which is maintained, operated
54 and used only to transport persons routinely who are convalescent
55 or otherwise nonambulatory and do not require the service of an
56 emergency medical technician while in transit;

57 (l) "Special use EMS vehicle" means any privately or
58 publicly owned land, water or air emergency vehicle used to
59 support the provision of emergency medical services. These
60 vehicles shall not be used routinely to transport patients;



61 (m) "Trauma care system" or "trauma system" means a
62 formally organized arrangement of health care resources that has
63 been designated by the department by which major trauma victims
64 are triaged, transported to and treated at trauma care facilities;

65 (n) "Trauma care facility" or "trauma center" means a
66 hospital located in the State of Mississippi or a Level I trauma
67 care facility or center located in a state contiguous to the State
68 of Mississippi that has been designated by the department to
69 perform specified trauma care services within a trauma care system
70 pursuant to standards adopted by the department. Participation in
71 this designation by each hospital is voluntary;

72 (o) "Trauma registry" means a collection of data on
73 patients who receive hospital care for certain types of injuries.
74 Such data are primarily designed to ensure quality trauma care and
75 outcomes in individual institutions and trauma systems, but have
76 the secondary purpose of providing useful data for the
77 surveillance of injury morbidity and mortality.

78 **SECTION 2.** When authorized by medical direction, a First
79 Responder, an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, an Emergency
80 Medical Technician-Intermediate or an Emergency Medical
81 Technician-Paramedic may carry and administer, or aid in the
82 administration of, a dose of epinephrine from an auto-injector to
83 treat persons experiencing allergic reactions and anaphylaxis.

84 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
85 and after July 1, 2002.

