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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5768**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner and Oke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to emergency medical services; adding a new section  
2 to chapter 18.73 RCW; and providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.73 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Every emergency medical services medical program director shall  
7 design a training curriculum and develop protocols, subject to approval  
8 by the secretary, to allow emergency medical technicians to carry and  
9 administer epinephrine to patients under twenty-six years of age or any  
10 patient with evidence of a prescription for epinephrine, by July 1,  
11 2000. Every emergency medical technician shall successfully complete  
12 the training program within six months of the secretary's approval.

13 (2) The secretary shall develop standards and procedures for  
14 evaluating the training curriculum and protocols mentioned in  
15 subsection (1) of this section by January 1, 2000.

16 (3) Emergency medical technicians, performing patient care duties  
17 as an ambulance operator or attendant or as a member of an aid service,  
18 shall carry and may administer, according to protocols, epinephrine for  
19 the treatment of patients who the emergency medical technician

1 reasonably believes to be under twenty-six years of age or with  
2 evidence of a prescription for epinephrine, and who are experiencing  
3 anaphylaxis if the emergency medical technician has successfully  
4 completed a training curriculum approved by the secretary.

5 (4) Nothing in this section authorizes the administration of  
6 epinephrine by a first responder.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect August 1, 1999.

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