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SENATE BILL 5768

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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 autoinjector devices by July 1, 2000. Every  
10 emergency medical technician shall successfully complete the training  
11 program within six months of the secretary's approval.

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

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

1 anaphylactic shock if the emergency medical technician has successfully  
2 completed a training curriculum approved by the secretary.

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

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

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