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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Finkbeiner and Oke)

Brief Title: Allowing emergency medical technicians to administer epinephrine.

**SB 5768-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

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

Provides that emergency medical technicians, performing patient care duties as an ambulance operator or attendant or as a member of an aid service, shall carry and may administer, according to protocols, epinephrine for the treatment of patients who the emergency medical technician reasonably believes to be under twenty-six years of age or with evidence of a prescription for epinephrine, and who are experiencing anaphylaxis if the emergency medical technician has successfully completed a training curriculum approved by the secretary.

Declares that nothing in this act authorizes the administration of epinephrine by a first responder.