LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTER ACCESS TO EPINEPHRINE ACT Act 312 of 2020

AN ACT to allow certain law enforcement officers and firefighters to administer auto-injectable epinephrine in certain circumstances; to provide access to auto-injectable epinephrine by eligible entities, law enforcement officers, and firefighters; and to limit civil and criminal liability of certain entities and individuals.

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The People of the State of Michigan enact:

28.821 Short title; definitions.

- Sec. 1. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the "law enforcement and firefighter access to epinephrine act".
 - (2) As used in this act:
- (a) "Eligible entity" means a law enforcement agency or organized fire department that is prescribed auto-injectable epinephrine.
- (b) "Firefighter" means that term as defined in section 1 of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1
- (c) "Law enforcement agency" means that term as defined in section 2 of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.602.
- (d) "Law enforcement officer" means that term as defined in section 2 of the Michigan commission on law enforcement standards act, 1965 PA 203, MCL 28.602.
- (e) "Organized fire department" means that term as defined in section 1 of the fire prevention code, 1941 PA 207, MCL 29.1.

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28.822 Purchase and possession of auto-injectable epinephrine; eligible entities; distribution to law enforcement officers or firefighters; training required.

- Sec. 2. (1) An eligible entity may purchase and possess auto-injectable epinephrine for purposes of this act and distribute that auto-injectable epinephrine to law enforcement officers or firefighters in its employ who have been trained in the administration of that auto-injectable epinephrine as required under subsection (3).
- (2) If a law enforcement officer or firefighter has completed the training required under subsection (3), the law enforcement officer or firefighter may administer auto-injectable epinephrine prescribed to an eligible entity to an individual who the law enforcement officer or firefighter has reason to believe is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for epinephrine or has been previously diagnosed with an allergy.
- (3) An individual shall complete training on the proper administration of auto-injectable epinephrine before administering auto-injectable epinephrine under this act.

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28.823 Civil and criminal immunity; "gross negligence" defined.

- Sec. 3. (1) An eligible entity that purchases, stores, or provides to a law enforcement officer or firefighter auto-injectable epinephrine for use under section 2 is immune from civil liability for injuries, death, or damages arising out of the administration of that auto-injectable epinephrine to any individual, if the conduct does not amount to gross negligence that is the proximate cause of injury, death, or damage.
- (2) Any law enforcement officer or firefighter who possesses, administers, or fails to administer auto-injectable epinephrine under section 2 is immune from civil liability for injuries, death, or damages arising out of the administration or failure to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to any individual, if the conduct does not constitute willful or wanton misconduct that is the proximate cause of injury, death, or damage.
- (3) An eligible entity that purchases, possesses, or distributes auto-injectable epinephrine under section 2 and any law enforcement officer or firefighter who possesses, administers, or fails to administer auto-injectable epinephrine under section 2 is not subject to criminal prosecution for purchasing, possessing, or distributing auto-injectable epinephrine, or administering or failing to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to any individual under this act.
- (4) This section does not eliminate, limit, or reduce any other immunity or defense that may be available under the laws of this state.

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(5) As used in this section, "gross negligence" means that term as defined in section 7 of 1964 PA 170, MCL 691.1407.

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