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2023 Wisconsin Act 27
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Epinephrine Delivery Systems

BACKGROUND

Wisconsin law authorizes and facilitates epinephrine use to respond to severe allergic reactions in schools and businesses. Prior state law referred to "epinephrine auto-injectors" and "prefilled syringes." The statutes previously defined epinephrine auto-injector to mean a device used for the automatic injection of epinephrine into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. Prior law defined prefilled syringe to mean a device that contains a dose of epinephrine, and that is used for the manual injection of epinephrine into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. The prefilled syringe must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

2023 WISCONSIN ACT 27

2023 Wisconsin Act 27 authorizes the use of an epinephrine delivery system in the same manner as previously authorized for an epinephrine auto-injector and a prefilled syringe. The act defines epinephrine delivery system to mean a device that contains a premeasured dose of epinephrine, and that is used to administer epinephrine into the human body to prevent or treat a life-threatening allergic reaction. The epinephrine delivery system must be approved by the FDA. The act also removes references to "epinephrine auto-injector" and "prefilled syringe" in the same statutes.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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