

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 48

House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

### **An Act To Authorize Certain Campers To Carry Asthma Inhalers and Epinephrine Pens on Their Persons**

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Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BARSTOW of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator COWGER of Kennebec and  
Representatives: BLANCHETTE of Bangor, CAIN of Orono, FISCHER of Presque Isle,  
GERZOFSKY of Brunswick, NORTON of Bangor, PINGREE of North Haven, TRAHAN of  
Waldoboro.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2502** is enacted to read:

6 **§2502. Emergency medication**

8 A recreational camp for boys or girls shall have a written  
10 policy authorizing campers to carry on thier persons and  
12 self-administer emergency medication from an asthma inhaler or an  
14 epinephrine pen. The written policy must include the following  
16 requirements:

18 1. Approval. A camper who self-administers an asthma  
20 inhaler or an epinephrine pen must have the prior written  
22 approval of the camper's primary health care provider and, if the  
24 camper is a minor, the prior written approval of the camper's  
26 parent or guardian;

28 2. Verification. The camper's parent or guardian must  
30 submit written verification to the camp from the camper's primary  
32 health care provider confirming that the camper has the knowledge  
34 and the skills to safely possess and use an asthma inhaler or an  
36 epinephrine pen in camp; and

3. Evaluation. The camp health staff must evaluate the  
camper's technique to ensure proper and effective use of an  
asthma inhaler or an epinephrine pen in camp.

30 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill requires recreational camps for boys and girls to  
34 have policies authorizing certain campers to possess and  
36 self-administer emergency medication from an asthma inhaler or  
epinephrine pen. The provisions of this bill are similar to the  
provisions of Public Law 2003, chapter 531, which applies to  
public and private schools.