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House of Representatives, December 27, 2007

An Act To Protect Vulnerable Children by Allowing the Use of Emergency Medication

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLER of Somerville.
Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and
Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, JONES of Mount
Vernon, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3 **Whereas**, municipal employees working in a municipality's summer recreational
4 program need to be allowed and trained to administer epinephrine pens before the 2008
5 summer recreational program begins; and

6 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
7 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
8 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
9 therefore,

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

11 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRS §3108** is enacted to read:

12 **§3108. Emergency medication and municipalities**

13 A municipality that operates a municipal recreational program shall ensure that the
14 municipal personnel supervising the municipal recreational program are trained to
15 administer medication, including, but not limited to, an asthma inhaler or an epinephrine
16 pen, to any child in that municipality's care who requires that medication. Municipal
17 personnel who have received the training may administer medication.

18 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
19 legislation takes effect when approved.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires a municipality that operates a municipal recreational program
22 ensure that the municipal personnel supervising the municipal recreational program are
23 trained to administer medication, including, but not limited to, an asthma inhaler or an
24 epinephrine pen, to any child in that municipality's care who requires that medication.
25 Municipal personnel who have received the training may administer medication.