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SENATE BILL NO. 737

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A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 8.01-225, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 8 of Chapter 14.1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-289.059, relating to early childhood care and education entities; administration of epinephrine.

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Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 8.01-225, as it is currently effective and as it shall become effective, and 54.1-3408 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 8 of Chapter 14.1 of Title 22.1 a section numbered 22.1-289.059 as follows:

§ 8.01-225. (Effective until July 1, 2022) Persons rendering emergency care, obstetrical services exempt from liability.

A. Any person who:

1. In good faith, renders emergency care or assistance, without compensation, to any ill or injured person (i) at the scene of an accident, fire, or any life-threatening emergency; (ii) at a location for screening or stabilization of an emergency medical condition arising from an accident, fire, or any life-threatening emergency; or (iii) en route to any hospital, medical clinic, or doctor's office, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such care or assistance. For purposes of this subdivision, emergency care or assistance includes the forcible entry of a motor vehicle in order to remove an unattended minor at risk of serious bodily injury or death, provided the person has attempted to contact a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, a firefighter, as defined in § 65.2-102, emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, or an emergency 911 system, if feasible under the circumstances.

2. In the absence of gross negligence, renders emergency obstetrical care or assistance to a female in active labor who has not previously been cared for in connection with the pregnancy by such person or by another professionally associated with such person and whose medical records are not reasonably available to such person shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care or assistance. The immunity herein granted shall apply only to the emergency medical care provided.

3. In good faith and without compensation, including any emergency medical services provider who holds a valid certificate issued by the Commissioner of Health, administers epinephrine in an emergency to an individual shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if such person has reason to believe that the individual receiving the injection is suffering or is about to suffer a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

4. Provides assistance upon request of any police agency, fire department, emergency medical services agency, or governmental agency in the event of an accident or other emergency involving the use, handling, transportation, transmission, or storage of liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas, hazardous material, or hazardous waste as defined in § 10.1-1400 or regulations of the Virginia Waste Management Board shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act of commission or omission on his part in the course of his rendering such assistance in good faith.

5. Is an emergency medical services provider possessing a valid certificate issued by authority of the State Board of Health who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance, whether in person or by telephone or other means of communication, without compensation, to any injured or ill person, whether at the scene of an accident, fire, or any other place, or while transporting such injured or ill person to, from, or between any hospital, medical facility, medical clinic, doctor's office, or other similar or related medical facility, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care, treatment, or assistance, including but in no way limited to acts or omissions which involve violations of State Department of Health regulations or any other state regulations in the rendering of such emergency care or assistance.

6. In good faith and without compensation, renders or administers emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); cardiac defibrillation, including, but not limited to, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); or other emergency life-sustaining or resuscitative treatments or procedures which have been approved by the State Board of Health to any sick or injured person, whether at the scene of a fire, an accident, or any other place, or while transporting such person to or from any hospital, clinic,

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59 doctor's office, or other medical facility, shall be deemed qualified to administer such emergency
60 treatments and procedures and shall not be liable for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of
61 such emergency resuscitative treatments or procedures.

62 7. Operates an AED at the scene of an emergency, trains individuals to be operators of AEDs, or
63 orders AEDs, shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or
64 omission in the use of an AED in an emergency where the person performing the defibrillation acts as
65 an ordinary, reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances,
66 unless such personal injury results from gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person
67 rendering such emergency care.

68 8. Maintains an AED located on real property owned or controlled by such person shall be immune
69 from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use in an
70 emergency of an AED located on such property unless such personal injury results from gross
71 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person who maintains the AED or his agent or
72 employee.

73 9. Is an employee of a school board or of a local health department approved by the local governing
74 body to provide health services pursuant to § 22.1-274 who, while on school property or at a
75 school-sponsored event, (i) renders emergency care or assistance to any sick or injured person; (ii)
76 renders or administers emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); cardiac defibrillation, including,
77 but not limited to, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); or other emergency
78 life-sustaining or resuscitative treatments or procedures that have been approved by the State Board of
79 Health to any sick or injured person; (iii) operates an AED, trains individuals to be operators of AEDs,
80 or orders AEDs; or (iv) maintains an AED, shall not be liable for civil damages for ordinary negligence
81 in acts or omissions on the part of such employee while engaged in the acts described in this
82 subdivision.

83 10. Is a volunteer in good standing and certified to render emergency care by the National Ski Patrol
84 System, Inc., who, in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or assistance to any
85 injured or ill person, whether at the scene of a ski resort rescue, outdoor emergency rescue, or any other
86 place or while transporting such injured or ill person to a place accessible for transfer to any available
87 emergency medical system unit, or any resort owner voluntarily providing a ski patroller employed by
88 him to engage in rescue or recovery work at a resort not owned or operated by him, shall not be liable
89 for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care,
90 treatment, or assistance, including but not limited to acts or omissions which involve violations of any
91 state regulation or any standard of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., in the rendering of such
92 emergency care or assistance, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful
93 misconduct.

94 11. Is an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities as defined in
95 § 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or (iii) a private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19
96 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education and is authorized by a prescriber and
97 trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon, who, upon the written request of the parents as
98 defined in § 22.1-1, assists with the administration of insulin or, in the case of a school board employee,
99 with the insertion or reinsertion of an insulin pump or any of its parts pursuant to subsection B of
100 § 22.1-274.01:1 or administers glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes who requires insulin
101 injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment
102 of hypoglycemia shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions
103 resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered according to the child's
104 medication schedule or such employee has reason to believe that the individual receiving the glucagon is
105 suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any such employee is covered
106 by the immunity granted herein, the school board or school employing him shall not be liable for any
107 civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin
108 or glucagon treatment.

109 12. Is an employee of a public institution of higher education or a private institution of higher
110 education who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon,
111 who assists with the administration of insulin or administers glucagon to a student diagnosed as having
112 diabetes who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency
113 treatment of hypoglycemia shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or
114 omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered according to the
115 student's medication schedule or such employee has reason to believe that the individual receiving the
116 glucagon is suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any employee is
117 covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the institution shall not be liable for any civil
118 damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin or
119 glucagon treatment.

120 13. Is a school nurse, an employee of a school board, an employee of a local governing body, or an

employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

14. Is an employee of a school for students with disabilities, as defined in § 22.1-319 and licensed by the Board of Education, or an employee of a private school that is accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the school shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

15. Is an employee of a public institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the institution shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

16. Is an employee of an organization providing outdoor educational experiences or programs for youth who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a participant in the outdoor experience or program for youth believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the organization shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

17. Is an employee of a restaurant licensed pursuant to Chapter 3 (§ 35.1-18 et seq.) of Title 35.1, is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine, and provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to an individual believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction on the premises of the restaurant at which the employee is employed, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

18. Is an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, or provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, who has been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon and who administers or assists with the administration of insulin or administers glucagon to a person diagnosed as having diabetes who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia in accordance with § 54.1-3408 shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered in accordance with the prescriber's instructions or such person has reason to believe that the individual receiving the glucagon is suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or a person who provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is covered by the immunity granted herein, the provider shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin or glucagon treatment.

19. Is an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, or provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, who has been trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

20. In good faith prescribes, dispenses, or administers naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal in an emergency to an individual who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opiate overdose shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary

negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if acting in accordance with the provisions of subsection X or Y of § 54.1-3408 or in his role as a member of an emergency medical services agency.

21. In good faith administers naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose in accordance with the provisions of subsection Z of § 54.1-3408 shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

22. Is an employee of a school board, school for students with disabilities as defined in § 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is trained in the administration of injected medications for the treatment of adrenal crisis resulting from a condition causing adrenal insufficiency and who administers or assists in the administration of such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing adrenal insufficiency when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience an adrenal crisis pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by a prescriber within the course of his professional practice and in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

23. Is a school nurse, an employee of a school board, an employee of a local governing body, or an employee of a local health department who is authorized by the local health director and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers or nebulized albuterol and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of an albuterol inhaler and a valved holding chamber or nebulized albuterol for a student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication, or is the prescriber of such medication, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

24. Is an employee of a public place, as defined in § 15.2-2820, who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person present in the public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the organization shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

25. Is a nurse at an early childhood care and education entity, employee at the entity, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a child believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

B. Any licensed physician serving without compensation as the operational medical director for an emergency medical services agency that holds a valid license as an emergency medical services agency issued by the Commissioner of Health shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of emergency medical services in good faith by the personnel of such licensed agency unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any person serving without compensation as a dispatcher for any licensed public or nonprofit emergency medical services agency in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of emergency services in good faith by the personnel of such licensed agency unless such act or omission was the result of such dispatcher's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any individual, certified by the State Office of Emergency Medical Services as an emergency medical services instructor and pursuant to a written agreement with such office, who, in good faith and in the performance of his duties, provides instruction to persons for certification or recertification as a certified basic life support or advanced life support emergency medical services provider shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions on his part directly relating to his activities on behalf of such office unless such act or omission was the result of such emergency medical services instructor's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician serving without compensation as a medical advisor to an E-911 system in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering medical advice in good faith to establish protocols to be used by the personnel of the E-911 service, as defined in § 58.1-1730, when answering emergency calls unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician who directs the provision of emergency medical services, as authorized by the State Board of Health, through a communications device shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such emergency medical services unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician serving without compensation as a supervisor of an AED in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering medical advice in good faith to the owner of the AED relating to personnel training, local emergency medical services coordination, protocol approval, AED deployment strategies, and equipment maintenance plans and records unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

C. Any communications services provider, as defined in § 58.1-647, including mobile service, and any provider of Voice-over-Internet Protocol service, in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering such service with or without charge related to emergency calls unless such act or omission was the result of such service provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any volunteer engaging in rescue or recovery work at a mine, or any mine operator voluntarily providing personnel to engage in rescue or recovery work at a mine not owned or operated by such operator, shall not be liable for civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such rescue or recovery work in good faith unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct. For purposes of this subsection, "Voice-over-Internet Protocol service" or "VoIP service" means any Internet protocol-enabled services utilizing a broadband connection, actually originating or terminating in Internet Protocol from either or both ends of a channel of communication offering real time, multidirectional voice functionality, including, but not limited to, services similar to traditional telephone service.

D. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to provide immunity from liability arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle.

E. For the purposes of this section, "compensation" shall not be construed to include (i) the salaries of police, fire, or other public officials or personnel who render such emergency assistance; (ii) the salaries or wages of employees of a coal producer engaging in emergency medical services or first aid services pursuant to the provisions of § 45.2-531, 45.2-579, 45.2-863 or 45.2-910; (iii) complimentary lift tickets, food, lodging, or other gifts provided as a gratuity to volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., by any resort, group, or agency; (iv) the salary of any person who (a) owns an AED for the use at the scene of an emergency, (b) trains individuals, in courses approved by the Board of Health, to operate AEDs at the scene of emergencies, (c) orders AEDs for use at the scene of emergencies, or (d) operates an AED at the scene of an emergency; or (v) expenses reimbursed to any person providing care or assistance pursuant to this section.

For the purposes of this section, "emergency medical services provider" shall include a person licensed or certified as such or its equivalent by any other state when he is performing services that he is licensed or certified to perform by such other state in caring for a patient in transit in the Commonwealth, which care originated in such other state.

Further, the public shall be urged to receive training on how to use CPR and an AED in order to acquire the skills and confidence to respond to emergencies using both CPR and an AED.

§ 8.01-225. (Effective July 1, 2022) Persons rendering emergency care, obstetrical services exempt from liability.

A. Any person who:

1. In good faith, renders emergency care or assistance, without compensation, to any ill or injured person (i) at the scene of an accident, fire, or any life-threatening emergency; (ii) at a location for screening or stabilization of an emergency medical condition arising from an accident, fire, or any life-threatening emergency; or (iii) en route to any hospital, medical clinic, or doctor's office, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such care or assistance. For purposes of this subdivision, emergency care or assistance includes the forcible entry of a motor vehicle in order to remove an unattended minor at risk of serious bodily injury or death, provided the person has attempted to contact a law-enforcement officer, as defined in § 9.1-101, a firefighter, as defined in § 65.2-102, emergency medical services personnel, as defined in § 32.1-111.1, or an emergency 911 system, if feasible under the circumstances.

2. In the absence of gross negligence, renders emergency obstetrical care or assistance to a female in active labor who has not previously been cared for in connection with the pregnancy by such person or by another professionally associated with such person and whose medical records are not reasonably available to such person shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care or assistance. The immunity herein granted shall apply only to the emergency medical care provided.

305 3. In good faith and without compensation, including any emergency medical services provider who
306 holds a valid certificate issued by the Commissioner of Health, administers epinephrine in an emergency
307 to an individual shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions
308 resulting from the rendering of such treatment if such person has reason to believe that the individual
309 receiving the injection is suffering or is about to suffer a life-threatening anaphylactic reaction.

310 4. Provides assistance upon request of any police agency, fire department, emergency medical
311 services agency, or governmental agency in the event of an accident or other emergency involving the
312 use, handling, transportation, transmission, or storage of liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas,
313 hazardous material, or hazardous waste as defined in § 10.1-1400 or regulations of the Virginia Waste
314 Management Board shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act of commission or
315 omission on his part in the course of his rendering such assistance in good faith.

316 5. Is an emergency medical services provider possessing a valid certificate issued by authority of the
317 State Board of Health who in good faith renders emergency care or assistance, whether in person or by
318 telephone or other means of communication, without compensation, to any injured or ill person, whether
319 at the scene of an accident, fire, or any other place, or while transporting such injured or ill person to,
320 from, or between any hospital, medical facility, medical clinic, doctor's office, or other similar or related
321 medical facility, shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the
322 rendering of such emergency care, treatment, or assistance, including but in no way limited to acts or
323 omissions which involve violations of State Department of Health regulations or any other state
324 regulations in the rendering of such emergency care or assistance.

325 6. In good faith and without compensation, renders or administers emergency cardiopulmonary
326 resuscitation (CPR); cardiac defibrillation, including, but not limited to, the use of an automated external
327 defibrillator (AED); or other emergency life-sustaining or resuscitative treatments or procedures which
328 have been approved by the State Board of Health to any sick or injured person, whether at the scene of
329 a fire, an accident, or any other place, or while transporting such person to or from any hospital, clinic,
330 doctor's office, or other medical facility, shall be deemed qualified to administer such emergency
331 treatments and procedures and shall not be liable for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of
332 such emergency resuscitative treatments or procedures.

333 7. Operates an AED at the scene of an emergency, trains individuals to be operators of AEDs, or
334 orders AEDs, shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or
335 omission in the use of an AED in an emergency where the person performing the defibrillation acts as
336 an ordinary, reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances,
337 unless such personal injury results from gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person
338 rendering such emergency care.

339 8. Maintains an AED located on real property owned or controlled by such person shall be immune
340 from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use in an
341 emergency of an AED located on such property unless such personal injury results from gross
342 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the person who maintains the AED or his agent or
343 employee.

344 9. Is an employee of a school board or of a local health department approved by the local governing
345 body to provide health services pursuant to § 22.1-274 who, while on school property or at a
346 school-sponsored event, (i) renders emergency care or assistance to any sick or injured person; (ii)
347 renders or administers emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); cardiac defibrillation, including,
348 but not limited to, the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); or other emergency
349 life-sustaining or resuscitative treatments or procedures that have been approved by the State Board of
350 Health to any sick or injured person; (iii) operates an AED, trains individuals to be operators of AEDs,
351 or orders AEDs; (iv) maintains an AED; or (v) renders care in accordance with a seizure management
352 and action plan pursuant to § 22.1-274.6, shall not be liable for civil damages for ordinary negligence in
353 acts or omissions on the part of such employee while engaged in the acts described in this subdivision.

354 10. Is a volunteer in good standing and certified to render emergency care by the National Ski Patrol
355 System, Inc., who, in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care or assistance to any
356 injured or ill person, whether at the scene of a ski resort rescue, outdoor emergency rescue, or any other
357 place or while transporting such injured or ill person to a place accessible for transfer to any available
358 emergency medical system unit, or any resort owner voluntarily providing a ski patroller employed by
359 him to engage in rescue or recovery work at a resort not owned or operated by him, shall not be liable
360 for any civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such emergency care,
361 treatment, or assistance, including but not limited to acts or omissions which involve violations of any
362 state regulation or any standard of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., in the rendering of such
363 emergency care or assistance, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful
364 misconduct.

365 11. Is an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities as defined in
366 § 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or (iii) a private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19

as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education and is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon, who, upon the written request of the parents as defined in § 22.1-1, assists with the administration of insulin or, in the case of a school board employee, with the insertion or reinsertion of an insulin pump or any of its parts pursuant to subsection B of § 22.1-274.01:1 or administers glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes who requires insulin injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered according to the child's medication schedule or such employee has reason to believe that the individual receiving the glucagon is suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any such employee is covered by the immunity granted herein, the school board or school employing him shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin or glucagon treatment.

12. Is an employee of a public institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon, who assists with the administration of insulin or administers glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered according to the student's medication schedule or such employee has reason to believe that the individual receiving the glucagon is suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the institution shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin or glucagon treatment.

13. Is a school nurse, an employee of a school board, an employee of a local governing body, or an employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a student believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

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16. Is an employee of an organization providing outdoor educational experiences or programs for youth who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a participant in the outdoor experience or program for youth believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the organization shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

17. Is an employee of a restaurant licensed pursuant to Chapter 3 (§ 35.1-18 et seq.) of Title 35.1, is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine, and provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to an individual believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction on the premises of the restaurant at which the employee is employed, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

18. Is an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, or provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, who has been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon and who administers or assists with the administration of insulin or administers glucagon to a person diagnosed as having diabetes who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia in accordance with § 54.1-3408 shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if the insulin is administered in accordance with the prescriber's instructions or such person has reason to believe that the individual receiving the glucagon is suffering or is about to suffer life-threatening hypoglycemia. Whenever any employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or a person who provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services is covered by the immunity granted herein, the provider shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such insulin or glucagon treatment.

19. Is an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, or provides services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, who has been trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

20. In good faith prescribes, dispenses, or administers naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal in an emergency to an individual who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opiate overdose shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment if acting in accordance with the provisions of subsection X or Y of § 54.1-3408 or in his role as a member of an emergency medical services agency.

21. In good faith administers naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose in accordance with the provisions of subsection Z of § 54.1-3408 shall not be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the administration of naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal, unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct.

22. Is an employee of a school board, school for students with disabilities as defined in § 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is trained in the administration of injected medications for the treatment of adrenal crisis resulting from a condition causing adrenal insufficiency and who administers or assists in the administration of such medications to a student diagnosed with a condition causing adrenal insufficiency when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience an adrenal crisis pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by a prescriber within the course of his professional practice and in accordance with the prescriber's instructions shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

23. Is a school nurse, an employee of a school board, an employee of a local governing body, or an employee of a local health department who is authorized by the local health director and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers or nebulized albuterol and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of an albuterol inhaler and a valved holding chamber or nebulized albuterol for a student believed in good faith to be in need of such medication, or is the prescriber of such medication, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

24. Is an employee of a public place, as defined in § 15.2-2820, who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who administers or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a person present in the public place believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine, shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment. Whenever any employee is covered by the immunity granted in this subdivision, the organization shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from such administration or assistance.

25. Is a nurse at an early childhood care and education entity, employee at the entity, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine and who provides, administers, or assists in the administration of epinephrine to a child believed in good faith to be having an anaphylactic reaction, or is the prescriber of the epinephrine,

shall not be liable for any civil damages for ordinary negligence in acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such treatment.

B. Any licensed physician serving without compensation as the operational medical director for an emergency medical services agency that holds a valid license as an emergency medical services agency issued by the Commissioner of Health shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of emergency medical services in good faith by the personnel of such licensed agency unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any person serving without compensation as a dispatcher for any licensed public or nonprofit emergency medical services agency in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of emergency services in good faith by the personnel of such licensed agency unless such act or omission was the result of such dispatcher's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any individual, certified by the State Office of Emergency Medical Services as an emergency medical services instructor and pursuant to a written agreement with such office, who, in good faith and in the performance of his duties, provides instruction to persons for certification or recertification as a certified basic life support or advanced life support emergency medical services provider shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions on his part directly relating to his activities on behalf of such office unless such act or omission was the result of such emergency medical services instructor's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician serving without compensation as a medical advisor to an E-911 system in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering medical advice in good faith to establish protocols to be used by the personnel of the E-911 service, as defined in § 58.1-1730, when answering emergency calls unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician who directs the provision of emergency medical services, as authorized by the State Board of Health, through a communications device shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such emergency medical services unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any licensed physician serving without compensation as a supervisor of an AED in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering medical advice in good faith to the owner of the AED relating to personnel training, local emergency medical services coordination, protocol approval, AED deployment strategies, and equipment maintenance plans and records unless such act or omission was the result of such physician's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

C. Any communications services provider, as defined in § 58.1-647, including mobile service, and any provider of Voice-over-Internet Protocol service, in the Commonwealth shall not be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from rendering such service with or without charge related to emergency calls unless such act or omission was the result of such service provider's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Any volunteer engaging in rescue or recovery work at a mine, or any mine operator voluntarily providing personnel to engage in rescue or recovery work at a mine not owned or operated by such operator, shall not be liable for civil damages for acts or omissions resulting from the rendering of such rescue or recovery work in good faith unless such act or omission was the result of gross negligence or willful misconduct. For purposes of this subsection, "Voice-over-Internet Protocol service" or "VoIP service" means any Internet protocol-enabled services utilizing a broadband connection, actually originating or terminating in Internet Protocol from either or both ends of a channel of communication offering real time, multidirectional voice functionality, including, but not limited to, services similar to traditional telephone service.

D. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to provide immunity from liability arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle.

E. For the purposes of this section, "compensation" shall not be construed to include (i) the salaries of police, fire, or other public officials or personnel who render such emergency assistance; (ii) the salaries or wages of employees of a coal producer engaging in emergency medical services or first aid services pursuant to the provisions of § 45.2-531, 45.2-579, 45.2-863 or 45.2-910; (iii) complimentary lift tickets, food, lodging, or other gifts provided as a gratuity to volunteer members of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc., by any resort, group, or agency; (iv) the salary of any person who (a) owns an AED for the use at the scene of an emergency, (b) trains individuals, in courses approved by the Board of Health, to operate AEDs at the scene of emergencies, (c) orders AEDs for use at the scene of emergencies, or (d) operates an AED at the scene of an emergency; or (v) expenses reimbursed to any person providing care or assistance pursuant to this section.

551 For the purposes of this section, "emergency medical services provider" shall include a person
552 licensed or certified as such or its equivalent by any other state when he is performing services that he
553 is licensed or certified to perform by such other state in caring for a patient in transit in the
554 Commonwealth, which care originated in such other state.

555 Further, the public shall be urged to receive training on how to use CPR and an AED in order to
556 acquire the skills and confidence to respond to emergencies using both CPR and an AED.

557 **§ 22.1-289.059. Possession and administration of epinephrine by employees.**

558 *The Board shall amend its regulations to require each early childhood care and education entity to*
559 *implement policies for the possession and administration of epinephrine in every such entity, to be*
560 *administered by any nurse at the entity, employee at the entity, or employee of a local health department*
561 *who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine to any child believed*
562 *to be having an anaphylactic reaction. Such policies shall require that at least one school nurse,*
563 *employee at the entity, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and*
564 *trained in the administration of epinephrine has the means to access at all times during regular facility*
565 *hours any such epinephrine that is stored in a locked or otherwise generally inaccessible container or*
566 *area.*

567 **§ 54.1-3408. Professional use by practitioners.**

568 A. A practitioner of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry, or veterinary medicine, a licensed
569 nurse practitioner pursuant to § 54.1-2957.01, a licensed certified midwife pursuant to § 54.1-2907.04, a
570 licensed physician assistant pursuant to § 54.1-2952.1, or a TPA-certified optometrist pursuant to Article
571 5 (§ 54.1-3222 et seq.) of Chapter 32 shall only prescribe, dispense, or administer controlled substances
572 in good faith for medicinal or therapeutic purposes within the course of his professional practice.

573 B. The prescribing practitioner's order may be on a written prescription or pursuant to an oral
574 prescription as authorized by this chapter. The prescriber may administer drugs and devices, or he may
575 cause drugs or devices to be administered by:

576 1. A nurse, physician assistant, or intern under his direction and supervision;

577 2. Persons trained to administer drugs and devices to patients in state-owned or state-operated
578 hospitals or facilities licensed as hospitals by the Board of Health or psychiatric hospitals licensed by
579 the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services who administer drugs under the
580 control and supervision of the prescriber or a pharmacist;

581 3. Emergency medical services personnel certified and authorized to administer drugs and devices
582 pursuant to regulations of the Board of Health who act within the scope of such certification and
583 pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol; or

584 4. A licensed respiratory therapist as defined in § 54.1-2954 who administers by inhalation controlled
585 substances used in inhalation or respiratory therapy.

586 C. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol, the prescriber, who is authorized by
587 state or federal law to possess and administer radiopharmaceuticals in the scope of his practice, may
588 authorize a nuclear medicine technologist to administer, under his supervision, radiopharmaceuticals used
589 in the diagnosis or treatment of disease.

590 D. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the
591 course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize registered nurses and licensed practical
592 nurses to possess (i) epinephrine and oxygen for administration in treatment of emergency medical
593 conditions and (ii) heparin and sterile normal saline to use for the maintenance of intravenous access
594 lines.

595 Pursuant to the regulations of the Board of Health, certain emergency medical services technicians
596 may possess and administer epinephrine in emergency cases of anaphylactic shock.

597 Pursuant to an order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his
598 professional practice, any school nurse, school board employee, employee of a local governing body, or
599 employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the
600 administration of epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine.

601 Pursuant to an order or standing protocol that shall be issued by the local health director within the
602 course of his professional practice, any school nurse, school board employee, employee of a local
603 governing body, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by the local health director
604 and trained in the administration of albuterol inhalers and valved holding chambers or nebulized
605 albuterol may possess or administer an albuterol inhaler and a valved holding chamber or nebulized
606 albuterol to a student diagnosed with a condition requiring an albuterol inhaler or nebulized albuterol
607 when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience an asthmatic crisis.

608 Pursuant to an order or a standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his
609 professional practice, any employee of a school for students with disabilities, as defined in § 22.1-319
610 and licensed by the Board of Education, or any employee of a private school that is accredited pursuant
611 to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is authorized by a
612 prescriber and trained in the administration of (a) epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine

and (b) albuterol inhalers or nebulized albuterol may possess or administer an albuterol inhaler or nebulized albuterol to a student diagnosed with a condition requiring an albuterol inhaler or nebulized albuterol when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience an asthmatic crisis.

Pursuant to an order or a standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, any nurse at an early childhood care and education entity, employee at the entity, or employee of a local health department who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine.

Pursuant to an order or a standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, any employee of a public institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine.

Pursuant to an order or a standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, any employee of an organization providing outdoor educational experiences or programs for youth who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine.

Pursuant to an order or a standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, and in accordance with policies and guidelines established by the Department of Health, such prescriber may authorize any employee of a restaurant licensed pursuant to Chapter 3 (§ 35.1-18 et seq.) of Title 35.1 to possess and administer epinephrine on the premises of the restaurant at which the employee is employed, provided that such person is trained in the administration of epinephrine.

Pursuant to an order issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or a person providing services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services may possess and administer epinephrine, provided such person is authorized and trained in the administration of epinephrine.

Pursuant to an order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, any employee of a public place, as defined in § 15.2-2820, who is authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of epinephrine may possess and administer epinephrine.

Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize pharmacists to possess epinephrine and oxygen for administration in treatment of emergency medical conditions.

E. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize licensed physical therapists to possess and administer topical corticosteroids, topical lidocaine, and any other Schedule VI topical drug.

F. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize licensed athletic trainers to possess and administer topical corticosteroids, topical lidocaine, or other Schedule VI topical drugs; oxygen for use in emergency situations; epinephrine for use in emergency cases of anaphylactic shock; and naloxone or other opioid antagonist for overdose reversal.

G. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, and in accordance with policies and guidelines established by the Department of Health pursuant to § 32.1-50.2, such prescriber may authorize registered nurses or licensed practical nurses under the supervision of a registered nurse to possess and administer tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD) in the absence of a prescriber. The Department of Health's policies and guidelines shall be consistent with applicable guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for preventing transmission of mycobacterium tuberculosis and shall be updated to incorporate any subsequently implemented standards of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Department of Labor and Industry to the extent that they are inconsistent with the Department of Health's policies and guidelines. Such standing protocols shall explicitly describe the categories of persons to whom the tuberculin test is to be administered and shall provide for appropriate medical evaluation of those in whom the test is positive. The prescriber shall ensure that the nurse implementing such standing protocols has received adequate training in the practice and principles underlying tuberculin screening.

The Health Commissioner or his designee may authorize registered nurses, acting as agents of the Department of Health, to possess and administer, at the nurse's discretion, tuberculin purified protein derivative (PPD) to those persons in whom tuberculin skin testing is indicated based on protocols and policies established by the Department of Health.

H. Pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize, with the consent of the parents as defined in § 22.1-1, an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities as defined in

§ 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or (iii) a private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon to assist with the administration of insulin or administer glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia. Such authorization shall only be effective when a licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or physician assistant is not present to perform the administration of the medication.

Pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize an employee of a public institution of higher education or a private institution of higher education who is trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon to assist with the administration of insulin or administration of glucagon to a student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia. Such authorization shall only be effective when a licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or physician assistant is not present to perform the administration of the medication.

Pursuant to a written order issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize an employee of a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or a person providing services pursuant to a contract with a provider licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to assist with the administration of insulin or to administer glucagon to a person diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections or for whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia, provided such employee or person providing services has been trained in the administration of insulin and glucagon.

I. A prescriber may authorize, pursuant to a protocol approved by the Board of Nursing, the administration of vaccines to adults for immunization, when a practitioner with prescriptive authority is not physically present, by (i) licensed pharmacists, (ii) registered nurses, or (iii) licensed practical nurses under the supervision of a registered nurse. A prescriber acting on behalf of and in accordance with established protocols of the Department of Health may authorize the administration of vaccines to any person by a pharmacist, nurse, or designated emergency medical services provider who holds an advanced life support certificate issued by the Commissioner of Health under the direction of an operational medical director when the prescriber is not physically present. The emergency medical services provider shall provide documentation of the vaccines to be recorded in the Virginia Immunization Information System.

J. A dentist may cause Schedule VI topical drugs to be administered under his direction and supervision by either a dental hygienist or by an authorized agent of the dentist.

Further, pursuant to a written order and in accordance with a standing protocol issued by the dentist in the course of his professional practice, a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under his general supervision, as defined in § 54.1-2722, or his remote supervision, as defined in subsection E or F of § 54.1-2722, to possess and administer topical oral fluorides, topical oral anesthetics, topical and directly applied antimicrobial agents for treatment of periodontal pocket lesions, and any other Schedule VI topical drug approved by the Board of Dentistry.

In addition, a dentist may authorize a dental hygienist under his direction to administer Schedule VI nitrous oxide and oxygen inhalation analgesia and, to persons 18 years of age or older, Schedule VI local anesthesia.

K. Pursuant to an oral or written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his professional practice, such prescriber may authorize registered professional nurses certified as sexual assault nurse examiners-A (SANE-A) under his supervision and when he is not physically present to possess and administer preventive medications for victims of sexual assault as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

L. This section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person who has satisfactorily completed a training program for this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and who administers such drugs in accordance with a prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of administration, and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy relating to security and record keeping, when the drugs administered would be normally self-administered by (i) an individual receiving services in a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; (ii) a resident of the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired; (iii) a resident of a facility approved by the Board or Department of Juvenile Justice for the placement of children in need of services or delinquent or alleged delinquent youth; (iv) a program participant of an adult day-care center licensed by the Department of Social Services; (v) a resident of any facility authorized or operated by a state or local government whose primary purpose is not to provide health care services; (vi) a resident of a private children's residential facility, as defined in § 63.2-100 and licensed by the Department of Social Services, Department of Education, or Department of

Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; or (vii) a student in a school for students with disabilities, as defined in § 22.1-319 and licensed by the Board of Education.

In addition, this section shall not prevent a person who has successfully completed a training program for the administration of drugs via percutaneous gastrostomy tube approved by the Board of Nursing and been evaluated by a registered nurse as having demonstrated competency in administration of drugs via percutaneous gastrostomy tube from administering drugs to a person receiving services from a program licensed by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to such person via percutaneous gastrostomy tube. The continued competency of a person to administer drugs via percutaneous gastrostomy tube shall be evaluated semiannually by a registered nurse.

M. Medication aides registered by the Board of Nursing pursuant to Article 7 (§ 54.1-3041 et seq.) of Chapter 30 may administer drugs that would otherwise be self-administered to residents of any assisted living facility licensed by the Department of Social Services. A registered medication aide shall administer drugs pursuant to this section in accordance with the prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of administration; in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board of Pharmacy relating to security and recordkeeping; in accordance with the assisted living facility's Medication Management Plan; and in accordance with such other regulations governing their practice promulgated by the Board of Nursing.

N. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person who administers such drugs in accordance with a physician's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of administration and with written authorization of a parent, and in accordance with school board regulations relating to training, security and record keeping, when the drugs administered would be normally self-administered by a student of a Virginia public school. Training for such persons shall be accomplished through a program approved by the local school boards, in consultation with the local departments of health.

O. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration of drugs by a person to (i) a child in a child day program as defined in § 22.1-289.02 and regulated by the Board of Education or a local government pursuant to § 15.2-914, or (ii) a student of a private school that is accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education, provided such person (a) has satisfactorily completed a training program for this purpose approved by the Board of Nursing and taught by a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or pharmacist; (b) has obtained written authorization from a parent or guardian; (c) administers drugs only to the child identified on the prescription label in accordance with the prescriber's instructions pertaining to dosage, frequency, and manner of administration; and (d) administers only those drugs that were dispensed from a pharmacy and maintained in the original, labeled container that would normally be self-administered by the child or student, or administered by a parent or guardian to the child or student.

P. In addition, this section shall not prevent the administration or dispensing of drugs and devices by persons if they are authorized by the State Health Commissioner in accordance with protocols established by the State Health Commissioner pursuant to § 32.1-42.1 when (i) the Governor has declared a disaster or a state of emergency or the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services has issued a declaration of an actual or potential bioterrorism incident or other actual or potential public health emergency; (ii) it is necessary to permit the provision of needed drugs or devices; and (iii) such persons have received the training necessary to safely administer or dispense the needed drugs or devices. Such persons shall administer or dispense all drugs or devices under the direction, control, and supervision of the State Health Commissioner.

Q. Nothing in this title shall prohibit the administration of normally self-administered drugs by unlicensed individuals to a person in his private residence.

R. This section shall not interfere with any prescriber issuing prescriptions in compliance with his authority and scope of practice and the provisions of this section to a Board agent for use pursuant to subsection G of § 18.2-258.1. Such prescriptions issued by such prescriber shall be deemed to be valid prescriptions.

S. Nothing in this title shall prevent or interfere with dialysis care technicians or dialysis patient care technicians who are certified by an organization approved by the Board of Health Professions or persons authorized for provisional practice pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1 et seq.), in the ordinary course of their duties in a Medicare-certified renal dialysis facility, from administering heparin, topical needle site anesthetics, dialysis solutions, sterile normal saline solution, and blood volumizers, for the purpose of facilitating renal dialysis treatment, when such administration of medications occurs under the orders of a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant and under the immediate and direct supervision of a licensed registered nurse. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit a patient care dialysis technician trainee from performing dialysis care as part of and within the scope of the clinical skills instruction segment of a supervised dialysis technician training program, provided such

797 trainee is identified as a "trainee" while working in a renal dialysis facility.

798 The dialysis care technician or dialysis patient care technician administering the medications shall
799 have demonstrated competency as evidenced by holding current valid certification from an organization
800 approved by the Board of Health Professions pursuant to Chapter 27.01 (§ 54.1-2729.1 et seq.).

801 T. Persons who are otherwise authorized to administer controlled substances in hospitals shall be
802 authorized to administer influenza or pneumococcal vaccines pursuant to § 32.1-126.4.

803 U. Pursuant to a specific order for a patient and under his direct and immediate supervision, a
804 prescriber may authorize the administration of controlled substances by personnel who have been
805 properly trained to assist a doctor of medicine or osteopathic medicine, provided the method does not
806 include intravenous, intrathecal, or epidural administration and the prescriber remains responsible for
807 such administration.

808 V. A physician assistant, nurse, dental hygienist, or authorized agent of a doctor of medicine,
809 osteopathic medicine, or dentistry may possess and administer topical fluoride varnish pursuant to an
810 oral or written order or a standing protocol issued by a doctor of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or
811 dentistry.

812 W. A prescriber, acting in accordance with guidelines developed pursuant to § 32.1-46.02, may
813 authorize the administration of influenza vaccine to minors by a licensed pharmacist, registered nurse,
814 licensed practical nurse under the direction and immediate supervision of a registered nurse, or
815 emergency medical services provider who holds an advanced life support certificate issued by the
816 Commissioner of Health when the prescriber is not physically present.

817 X. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-3303, pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order
818 issued by a prescriber or a standing order issued by the Commissioner of Health or his designee
819 authorizing the dispensing of naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal in the
820 absence of an oral or written order for a specific patient issued by a prescriber, and in accordance with
821 protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the
822 Department of Health, a pharmacist, a health care provider providing services in a hospital emergency
823 department, and emergency medical services personnel, as that term is defined in § 32.1-111.1, may
824 dispense naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal and a person to whom naloxone
825 or other opioid antagonist has been dispensed pursuant to this subsection may possess and administer
826 naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal to a person who is believed to be
827 experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose. Law-enforcement officers as
828 defined in § 9.1-101, employees of the Department of Forensic Science, employees of the Office of the
829 Chief Medical Examiner, employees of the Department of General Services Division of Consolidated
830 Laboratory Services, employees of the Department of Corrections designated as probation and parole
831 officers or as correctional officers as defined in § 53.1-1, employees of the Department of Juvenile
832 Justice designated as probation and parole officers or as juvenile correctional officers, employees of
833 regional jails, school nurses, local health department employees that are assigned to a public school
834 pursuant to an agreement between the local health department and the school board, other school board
835 employees or individuals contracted by a school board to provide school health services, and firefighters
836 who have completed a training program may also possess and administer naloxone or other opioid
837 antagonist used for overdose reversal and may dispense naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for
838 overdose reversal pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order issued by a prescriber or a standing
839 order issued by the Commissioner of Health or his designee in accordance with protocols developed by
840 the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health.

841 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 54.1-3303, pursuant to an oral, written, or standing order issued
842 by a prescriber or a standing order issued by the Commissioner of Health or his designee authorizing the
843 dispensing of naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal in the absence of an oral or
844 written order for a specific patient issued by a prescriber, and in accordance with protocols developed by
845 the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health, an
846 employee or other person acting on behalf of a public place who has completed a training program may
847 also possess and administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal other than
848 naloxone in an injectable formulation with a hypodermic needle or syringe in accordance with protocols
849 developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the Department of
850 Health.

851 Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, an employee or other person acting on
852 behalf of a public place may possess and administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist, other than
853 naloxone in an injectable formulation with a hypodermic needle or syringe, to a person who is believed
854 to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose if he has completed a
855 training program on the administration of such naloxone and administers naloxone in accordance with
856 protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the
857 Department of Health.

858 For the purposes of this subsection, "public place" means any enclosed area that is used or held out

859 for use by the public, whether owned or operated by a public or private interest.

860 Y. Notwithstanding any other law or regulation to the contrary, a person who is acting on behalf of
861 an organization that provides services to individuals at risk of experiencing an opioid overdose or
862 training in the administration of naloxone for overdose reversal may dispense naloxone to a person who
863 has received instruction on the administration of naloxone for opioid overdose reversal, provided that
864 such dispensing is (i) pursuant to a standing order issued by a prescriber and (ii) in accordance with
865 protocols developed by the Board of Pharmacy in consultation with the Board of Medicine and the
866 Department of Health. If the person acting on behalf of an organization dispenses naloxone in an
867 injectable formulation with a hypodermic needle or syringe, he shall first obtain authorization from the
868 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to train individuals on the proper
869 administration of naloxone by and proper disposal of a hypodermic needle or syringe, and he shall
870 obtain a controlled substance registration from the Board of Pharmacy. The Board of Pharmacy shall not
871 charge a fee for the issuance of such controlled substance registration. The dispensing may occur at a
872 site other than that of the controlled substance registration provided the entity possessing the controlled
873 substances registration maintains records in accordance with regulations of the Board of Pharmacy. No
874 person who dispenses naloxone on behalf of an organization pursuant to this subsection shall charge a
875 fee for the dispensing of naloxone that is greater than the cost to the organization of obtaining the
876 naloxone dispensed. A person to whom naloxone has been dispensed pursuant to this subsection may
877 possess naloxone and may administer naloxone to a person who is believed to be experiencing or about
878 to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose.

879 Z. A person who is not otherwise authorized to administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist used
880 for overdose reversal may administer naloxone or other opioid antagonist used for overdose reversal to a
881 person who is believed to be experiencing or about to experience a life-threatening opioid overdose.

882 AA. Pursuant to a written order or standing protocol issued by the prescriber within the course of his
883 professional practice, such prescriber may authorize, with the consent of the parents as defined in
884 § 22.1-1, an employee of (i) a school board, (ii) a school for students with disabilities as defined in
885 § 22.1-319 licensed by the Board of Education, or (iii) a private school accredited pursuant to § 22.1-19
886 as administered by the Virginia Council for Private Education who is trained in the administration of
887 injected medications for the treatment of adrenal crisis resulting from a condition causing adrenal
888 insufficiency to administer such medication to a student diagnosed with a condition causing adrenal
889 insufficiency when the student is believed to be experiencing or about to experience an adrenal crisis.
890 Such authorization shall be effective only when a licensed nurse, nurse practitioner, physician, or
891 physician assistant is not present to perform the administration of the medication.