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An Act To Protect Vulnerable Children by Allowing the Use of Asthma Inhalers and Epinephrine Pens

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

Whereas, municipal employees and volunteers working in a municipality's summer recreational program need to be allowed and trained to administer asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens before the 2008 summer recreational program begins; and

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

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3108 is enacted to read:

§ 3108. Asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens

Municipal employees and volunteers that operate or assist in any municipal recreational program or camp may receive training on how to administer asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens. Municipal employees and volunteers may possess and administer prescribed asthma inhalers and epinephrine pens in order to provide emergency aid.

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

Effective April 9, 2008.