

House Bill 346

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to emergency medical services personnel, so as to authorize the administration of  
3 hydrocortisone sodium succinate to patients with congenital adrenal hyperplasia under  
4 certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements; to provide for  
5 immunity; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting  
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Jarom's Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
12 emergency medical services personnel, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as  
13 follows:

14 "31-11-55.2.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Congenital adrenal hyperplasia' means the salt wasting form of the classic type of  
17 congenital adrenal hyperplasia.

18 (2) 'Emergency medical services personnel' means any person who has been certified as  
19 an emergency medical technician, cardiac technician, paramedic, or first responder  
20 pursuant to this chapter.

21 (b) Emergency medical services personnel shall be authorized to administer  
22 hydrocortisone sodium succinate intramuscularly for the purpose of providing emergency  
23 care to a patient who:

24 (1) Has congenital adrenal hyperplasia;

25 (2) Is in adrenal crisis; and

26 (3) Has on his or her person or in his or her belongings hydrocortisone sodium succinate  
27 in packaging that clearly states the appropriate dosage and has an unbroken seal.

28 (c) In order to ensure public health and safety:

29 (1) All emergency medical services personnel shall obtain appropriate training regarding  
30 administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate as set forth in the rules and regulations  
31 of the Department of Public Health; and

32 (2) Within a reasonable period of time, all emergency medical services personnel who  
33 administer hydrocortisone sodium succinate shall make available a printed or  
34 electronically stored report to the licensed ambulance service which transports the patient.

35 (d) Any emergency medical services personnel who gratuitously and in good faith renders  
36 emergency care or treatment by administering hydrocortisone sodium succinate  
37 intramuscularly to a person who has congenital adrenal hyperplasia shall not be held liable  
38 for any civil damages as a result of such treatment or as a result of any act or failure to act  
39 in providing or arranging further medical treatment where the person acts without gross  
40 negligence or intent to harm or as an ordinary reasonably prudent person would have acted  
41 under the same or similar circumstances, even if such individual does so without the benefit  
42 of the appropriate training. This subsection includes paid persons who extend care or

43 treatment without expectation of remuneration from the patient for receiving the  
44 administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate."

45 **SECTION 3.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.