

Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Act

20-13-401. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and cited as the “Insect Sting Emergency Treatment Act”.

20-13-402. Purpose.

It is the purpose of this subchapter to provide a means of authorizing certain individuals to administer treatment to those persons who have severe adverse reactions to insect stings when a physician is not immediately available.

20-13-403. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, “physician” means a natural person licensed to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § [17-95-201](#) et seq., § [17-95-301](#) et seq., and § [17-95-401](#) et seq.

20-13-404. Eligibility for certificate.

Persons eligible to receive a certificate pursuant to this subchapter shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- (2) Have, or reasonably expect to have, responsibility for at least one (1) other person as a result of one's relationship or occupational or volunteer status, for example, parents, camp counselors, scout leaders, schoolteachers, forest rangers, tour guides, or chaperones;
- (3) Have been properly instructed by a physician licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § [17-95-201](#) et seq., § [17-95-301](#) et seq., and § [17-95-401](#) et seq. The curriculum shall minimally include recognition of the symptoms of systemic reactions to insect stings and the proper administration of a subcutaneous injection of epinephrine.

20-13-405. Authority of certificate holder.

- (a) A certificate issued pursuant to this subchapter shall authorize the certificate holder to receive, upon presentation of the certificate, from any physician a prescription for premeasured doses of epinephrine and the necessary paraphernalia for administration.
- (b) The certificate shall also authorize the certificate holder to possess and administer, in an emergency situation when a physician is not immediately available, the prescribed epinephrine to persons suffering a severe adverse reaction to an insect sting.
- (c) The certificate holder may administer epinephrine as provided in this subchapter only to those persons for whom the holder is responsible as provided in § [20-13-404](#)(2).

20-13-406. Immunity.

No cause of action shall arise against a certificate holder pursuant to this subchapter or against the issuing physician for any act or omission when acting in good faith pursuant to the authority granted by this subchapter, except when the conduct amounts to gross negligence.

20-13-407. Administration of act.

- (a) The Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare the appropriate certificate form to be available to physicians upon request to accomplish the purposes of this subchapter.
- (b) A copy of all certificates issued pursuant to this subchapter shall be forwarded by the issuing physician to the division to be maintained on file and subject to public inspection.

History. Acts 1983, No. 436, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 82-4506.