OLR Bill Analysis SB 1324

AN ACT AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER GLUCAGON NASAL POWDER.

SUMMARY

This bill allows emergency medical services (EMS) personnel to administer glucagon nasal powder. Generally, "glucagon nasal powder" is a class of intranasally-administered medications used to treat severe low blood sugar in people with diabetes.

In order to administer the medication, the EMS professional must (1) be trained to do so in line with national standards recognized by the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner and (2) determine that administering glucagon is necessary to treat the patient.

The bill requires all EMS personnel to receive this training from an organization designated by the DPH commissioner. It also allows licensed or certified ambulances to have glucagon nasal powder for purposes of administration by EMS personnel as described above.

Under the bill, "EMS personnel" are (1) certified emergency medical responders; (2) any class of certified emergency medical technicians (EMTs), including advanced EMTs; and (3) licensed paramedics.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 32 Nay 0 (03/05/2025)