

## HOUSE BILL No. 2579

By Committee on Health and Human Services

Requested by Representative Ruiz on behalf of Johnson County MED-ACT,  
Kansas City Kansas Fire Department, Johnson County Emergency Medical  
Services Physician, Mid-America Regional Council Emergency Rescue

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1 AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to the board  
2 of emergency medical services; authorized activities; authorizing  
3 distribution of non prescription over-the-counter medications;  
4 amending K.S.A. 65-6144 and repealing the existing section.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 65-6144 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-  
8 6144. (a) An emergency medical responder may perform any of the  
9 following interventions, by use of the devices, medications and equipment,  
10 or any combination thereof, after successfully completing an approved  
11 course of instruction, local specialized device training and competency  
12 validation and when authorized by medical protocols, or upon order when  
13 direct communication is maintained by radio, telephone or video  
14 conference is monitored by a physician, physician assistant when  
15 authorized by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse when  
16 authorized by a physician or a professional nurse when authorized by a  
17 physician, upon order of such person:

- 18 (1) Emergency vehicle operations;
- 19 (2) initial scene management;
- 20 (3) patient assessment and stabilization;
- 21 (4) cardiac arrest management through the use of cardiopulmonary  
22 resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator;
- 23 (5) airway management and oxygen therapy;
- 24 (6) utilization of equipment for the purposes of acquiring an EKG  
25 rhythm strip;
- 26 (7) control of bleeding;
- 27 (8) extremity splinting;
- 28 (9) spinal immobilization;
- 29 (10) nebulizer therapy;
- 30 (11) intramuscular injections with auto-injector;
- 31 (12) administration of medications as approved by the board by  
32 appropriate routes;
- 33 (13) recognize and comply with advanced directives;

- 1 (14) use of blood glucose monitoring;
- 2 (15) ~~assist~~ *assistance* with childbirth;
- 3 (16) non-invasive monitoring of hemoglobin derivatives;
- 4 (17) *distribution of non prescription, over-the-counter medications as*
- 5 *approved by the service medical director; except an emergency medical*
- 6 *responder shall not distribute:*

7 (A) *Any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any*

8 *detectable quantity of ephedrine, its salts or optical isomers, or salts of*

9 *optical isomers and is exempt from being reported to the statewide*

10 *electronic logging system for the sale of methamphetamine precursors; or*

11 (B) *any compound, mixture, or preparation that contains any*

12 *detectable quantity of pseudoephedrine, its salts or optical isomers, or*

13 *salts of optical isomers and is exempt from being reported to the statewide*

14 *electronic logging system for the sale of methamphetamine precursors;*

15 *and*

16 ~~(17)~~(18) *other techniques and devices of preliminary care an*

17 *emergency medical responder is trained to provide as approved by the*

18 *board.*

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-6144 is hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

21 publication in the statute book.