

House Bill 346 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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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 by paramedics to patients with congenital adrenal
4 hyperplasia under certain conditions; to provide for definitions; to provide for requirements;
5 to provide for immunity; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal
6 conflicting 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, or paramedic.

20 (b) Paramedics shall be authorized to administer hydrocortisone sodium succinate
21 intramuscularly for the purpose of providing emergency care to a patient who:

22 (1) Has congenital adrenal hyperplasia; or any adrenal insufficiency;

23 (2) Is believed to be in adrenal crisis; and

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

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

27 (1) All emergency medical services personnel shall obtain appropriate training on
28 congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and all paramedics shall obtain appropriate training
29 regarding administration of hydrocortisone sodium succinate as set forth in the rules and
30 regulations of the Department of Public Health; and

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

34 (d) The immunity provided in Code Section 31-11-8 shall apply to any paramedic who in
35 good faith renders emergency care pursuant to this Code section."

36 **SECTION 3.**

37 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.