



HOUSE BILL 327: Allow Use of Pepper Spray by EMS Workers

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SUMMARY: *House Bill 327 would allow emergency medical services personnel to carry and use pepper spray for self-defense purposes.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS: The North Carolina Medical Care Commission must adopt and amend rules to carry out the purposes of statutes governing the regulation of emergency medical services and the implementation of a statewide trauma system. Among other things, its rules must establish standards for vehicles and equipment used within the emergency medical system.

The act provides that these standards must not prohibit emergency medical services personnel for carrying or using pepper spray for self-defense purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act is effective when it becomes law.

