

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 25-0014
(First Reader)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Conway

Cosponsored by: Councilmembers Parker, Gray, Ramos, and President Cohen

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Assigned to: Public Health and Environment Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Fire Department, Health Department,
Department of Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services – Administration of Buprenorphine**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring Baltimore City Emergency Medical Services to provide
4 buprenorphine to all Emergency Medical Services technicians; allowing Emergency Medical
5 Services technicians to administer buprenorphine to an individual under certain
6 circumstances; and defining certain terms.

7 BY adding

8 Article - Health

9 Section 18-103

10 Baltimore City Revised Code

11 (Edition 2000)

12 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the
13 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

14 **Baltimore City Revised Code**

15 **Article – Health**

16 **TITLE 18. Miscellaneous Regulations**

17 **§ 18-103. PROVISION OF BUPRENORPHINE.**

18 (A) *DEFINITIONS.*

19 (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

20 (2) *BUPRENORPHINE*

21 “BUPRENORPHINE” MEANS AN OPIOID DRUG THAT:

22 (I) BINDS TO AN INDIVIDUAL’S OPIOID RECEPTORS;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (II) MAY BLOCK THE EFFECTS OF OTHER OPIOIDS; AND

2 (III) WHEN PROPERLY ADMINISTERED BY A MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL, MAY BE
3 USED AS A MEDICATION TO SUPPRESS THE SYMPTOMS OF OPIOID
4 WITHDRAWAL.

5 (3) *MARYLAND MEDICAL PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.*

6 “MARYLAND MEDICAL PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES” OR
7 “MMPEMS” MEANS THE MOST RECENT EDITION OF THE MARYLAND MEDICAL
8 PROTOCOLS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FROM THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE
9 FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

10 (4) *MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.*

11 “MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS” OR
12 “MIEMSS” MEANS THE BODY ESTABLISHED IN § 13-503 OF THE STATE EDUCATION
13 ARTICLE THAT OVERSEES AND COORDINATES ALL COMPONENTS OF THE EMERGENCY
14 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
15 STATE STATUTE AND REGULATION.

16 (5) *OPIOID WITHDRAWAL.*

17 “OPIOID WITHDRAWAL” IS A POTENTIALLY SEVERE HEALTH CONDITION WITH A
18 VARIETY OF DEBILITATING SYMPTOMS CAUSED BY CESSATION OF OPIOID USE AFTER AN
19 INDIVIDUAL HAS DEVELOPED A PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE ON OPIOIDS.

20 (B) *REQUIRED SUPPLY OF BUPRENORPHINE.*

21 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM OF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE
22 DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE BUPRENORPHINE TO ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE
23 TECHNICIANS AS STANDARD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

24 (C) *REQUIRED BUPRENORPHINE TRAINING.*

25 THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM OF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE
26 DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE TRAINING IN BUPRENORPHINE ADMINISTRATION AS PART OF
27 THE STANDARD MEDICAL TRAINING OF ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS.

28 (D) *REQUIRED PROVISION OF BUPRENORPHINE.*

29 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNICIANS OF THE BALTIMORE CITY FIRE
30 DEPARTMENT SHALL FOLLOW THE OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL PROTOCOL IN THE
31 MMPEMS TO PROVIDE BUPRENORPHINE TO PATIENTS EXPERIENCING OPIOID
32 WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS, PROVIDED THOSE PATIENTS MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF
33 BUPRENORPHINE ADMINISTRATION AS DESCRIBED IN THE MMPEMS.

34 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day
35 after the date it is enacted.