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Short Title: Allow Use of Pepper Spray by EMS Workers. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dobson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL TO CARRY
3 AND USE PEPPER SPRAY FOR SELF-DEFENSE PURPOSES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143-508(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) The North Carolina Medical Care Commission shall adopt rules to do all of the
7 following:

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9 (8) Establish standards for vehicles and equipment used within the emergency
10 medical services system. These standards shall not prohibit the carrying and
11 use of pepper spray by emergency medical services personnel for
12 self-defense purposes.

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14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 131E-157(a) reads as rewritten:

15 "(a) The Commission shall adopt rules specifying equipment, sanitation, supply and
16 design requirements for ambulances. These rules shall not prohibit the carrying and use of
17 pepper spray by emergency medical services personnel for self-defense purposes."

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

