



## House Bill 276

*State Emergency Medical Services Board –  
Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program - Revisions*

February 4, 2026

Position: **FWA**

Madame Chair and Members of the Health Committee:

The Restaurant Association of Maryland has had discussions with Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) staff regarding House Bill 276.

We raised concerns about additional requirements that this legislation imposed on restaurants and grocery stores as introduced. These additional requirements would have been beyond the requirements established in § 21 330.3 of the Health General Article (per legislation enacted in 2023).

MIEMSS has submitted amendments to House Bill 276 to address our concerns. We have reviewed those amendments, and they are acceptable to us. Therefore, our position on this bill is *Favorable with Amendments*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melvin R. Thompson".

Melvin R. Thompson  
Senior Vice President  
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