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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Emergency Medical Services - Automated External Defibrillator - Required**
3 **Facilities**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain facilities to have an automated external
5 defibrillator and a trained operator on site under certain circumstances;
6 requiring an automated external defibrillator to meet certain certification
7 standards as established by the Emergency Medical Services Board; and
8 generally relating to automated external defibrillation.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article - Education
11 Section 13-517(f) through (o), respectively
12 to be Section 13-517(g) through (p), respectively
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1999 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article - Education
17 Section 13-517(a)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (1999 Replacement Volume)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article - Education
22 Section 13-517(e)
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (1999 Replacement Volume)

25 BY adding to

26 Article - Education
27 Section 13-517(e)
28 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (1999 Replacement Volume)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 13-517(f) through (o), respectively, of Article -
4 Education of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s)
5 13-517(g) through (p), respectively.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
7 read as follows:

8 **Article - Education**

9 13-517.

10 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

11 (2) "Authorized facility" means an organization, business, association, or
12 agency that meets the requirements of the EMS Board for providing automated
13 external defibrillation.

14 (3) "Automated external defibrillator (AED)" means a medical heart
15 monitor and defibrillator device that:

16 (i) Is cleared for market by the Federal Food and Drug
17 Administration;

18 (ii) Recognizes the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or
19 rapid ventricular tachycardia;

20 (iii) Determines, without intervention by an operator, whether
21 defibrillation should be performed;

22 (iv) On determining that defibrillation should be performed,
23 automatically charges; and

24 (v) 1. Requires operator intervention to deliver the electrical
25 impulse; or

26 2. Automatically continues with delivery of electrical
27 impulse.

28 (4) "Certificate" means a certificate issued by the EMS Board to an
29 authorized facility.

30 (5) "Facility" means an agency, association, corporation, firm,
31 partnership, or other entity.

32 (6) "Jurisdictional emergency medical services operational program"
33 means the institution, agency, corporation, or other entity that has been approved by

1 the EMS Board to provide oversight of emergency medical services for each of the
2 local government and State and federal emergency medical services programs.

3 (7) "Sponsoring physician" means a physician who:

4 (i) Is licensed to practice medicine under Title 14 of the Health
5 Occupations Article;

6 (ii) Provides medical oversight to an authorized facility; and

7 (iii) Meets qualifications established by the EMS Board.

8 (E) (1) A FACILITY SHALL HAVE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
9 DEFIBRILLATOR AND A TRAINED OPERATOR ON SITE WHEN THE SITE IS OPEN TO
10 THE GENERAL PUBLIC IF:

11 (I) ATTENDANCE EXCEEDS 3,000 PERSONS AT A PROFESSIONAL
12 SPORTS STADIUM, COLLEGE SPORTS STADIUM, OR HORSE RACE TRACK;

13 (II) IT IS DURING SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES AT AN INDOOR
14 SYMPHONY HALL, CONCERT HALL, OR STAGE;

15 (III) IT IS DURING BUSINESS HOURS AT A MUSEUM, INDOOR
16 SHOPPING MALL, AIRPORT, FULL SERVICE TRAIN STATION, OR HEALTH CLUB; AND

17 (IV) IT IS AT A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AT ALL TIMES.

18 (2) THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR SHALL BE CERTIFIED AND
19 MAINTAINED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE REGULATIONS,
20 ORDERS, OR PERMITS ADOPTED BY THE EMS BOARD.

21 [(e)] (F) (1) Each facility that IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AN AUTOMATED
22 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR OR desires to make automated external defibrillation
23 available shall possess a valid certificate from the EMS Board.

24 (2) This subsection does not apply to:

25 (i) A jurisdictional emergency medical services operational
26 program;

27 (ii) A licensed commercial ambulance service; or

28 (iii) A health care facility as defined in § 19-114 of the Health -
29 General Article.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2000.