

(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Costa**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Program Facilities - Automated**
3 **External Defibrillator**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain nursing homes and assisted living program
5 facilities to have and maintain automated external defibrillators; requiring
6 certain nursing homes and assisted living program facilities to have certain
7 operators on-site continuously; requiring the Department of Health and Mental
8 Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to automated
9 external defibrillators in nursing homes and assisted living program facilities.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article - Health - General
12 Section 19-1417 to be Section 19-1418
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Health - General
17 Section 19-1417 and 19-1808
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 19-1417 of Article - Health - General of the Annotated
22 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 19-1418.

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

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Article - Health - General

2 19-1417.

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4 PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT:

5 (1) ANALYZES AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEART RHYTHM FOR ABNORMALITIES;
6 AND

7 (2) IF AN ABNORMALITY IS DETECTED, ADMINISTERS AN ELECTRICAL
8 SHOCK TO THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEART THROUGH THE CHEST WALL THROUGH
9 ADHESIVE ELECTRODE PADS.

10 (B) EACH NURSING HOME SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN AN AUTOMATED
11 EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE FACILITY.

12 (C) EACH NURSING HOME SHALL HAVE A TRAINED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
13 DEFIBRILLATOR OPERATOR ON-SITE 24 HOURS EACH DAY.

14 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE
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25 (B) EACH ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM FACILITY SHALL HAVE AND MAINTAIN
26 AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR AT THE FACILITY.

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32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2005.