

SENATE BILL 299

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters —

Introduced by **Senators Kramer, Feldman, Beidle, Jennings, Zucker, Smith, Klausmeier, Hershey, Guzzone, Lam, Gile, and Hettleman**

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_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Food Service Facilities~~ **Grocery Stores and Restaurants – Automated External**
3 **Defibrillator Program**
4 **(Joe Sheya Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~owner and operator~~ owners and operators of a certain
6 ~~food service facility~~ certain grocery stores and restaurants, beginning on a certain
7 ~~date, to develop and, beginning on a certain date, implement an automated external~~
8 ~~defibrillator program that meets certain requirements~~ place an automated external
9 defibrillator in a certain area and maintain the functionality of the automated
10 external defibrillator; granting certain immunities to grocery stores, restaurants,
11 and individuals for certain acts or omissions under certain circumstances; altering
12 the definition of “facility” for the purpose of excluding certain restaurants and
13 grocery stores from the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program;
14 requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Institute for

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



Emergency Medical Services Systems jointly to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to an automated external defibrillator program for ~~food-service facilities~~ grocery stores and restaurants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 13–517(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 21–330.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Education

13–517.

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

(2) “Automated external defibrillator (AED)” means a medical heart monitor and defibrillator device that:

(i) Is cleared for market by the federal Food and Drug Administration;

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

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

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

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

2. Automatically continues with delivery of electrical impulse.

1 (3) “Certificate” means a certificate issued by the EMS Board to a
2 registered facility.

3 (4) (I) “Facility” means an agency, association, corporation, firm,
4 partnership, or other entity.

5 (II) “FACILITY” DOES NOT INCLUDE A GROCERY STORE OR
6 RESTAURANT THAT IS SUBJECT TO § 21-330.3 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL
7 ARTICLE.

8 (5) “Jurisdictional emergency medical services operational program”
9 means the institution, agency, corporation, or other entity that has been approved by the
10 EMS Board to provide oversight of emergency medical services for each of the local
11 government and State and federal emergency medical services programs.

12 (6) “Program” means the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator
13 Program.

14 (7) “Regional administrator” means the individual employed by the
15 Institute as regional administrator in each EMS region.

16 (8) “Regional council” means an EMS advisory body as created by the Code
17 of Maryland Regulations 30.05.

18 (9) “Regional council AED committee” means a committee appointed by the
19 regional council consisting of:

20 (i) The regional medical director;

21 (ii) The regional administrator; and

22 (iii) Three or more individuals with knowledge of and expertise in
23 AEDs.

24 (10) “Registered facility” means an organization, business association,
25 agency, or other entity that meets the requirements of the EMS Board for registering with
26 the Program.

27 Article – Health – General

28 21-330.3.

29 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
30 INDICATED.

1 **(2) “AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)” MEANS A**
 2 **MEDICAL HEART MONITOR AND DEFIBRILLATOR DEVICE THAT:**

3 **(I) IS CLEARED FOR MARKET BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND**
 4 **DRUG ADMINISTRATION;**

5 **(II) RECOGNIZES THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF**
 6 **VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION OR RAPID VENTRICULAR TACHYCARDIA;**

7 **(III) DETERMINES, WITHOUT INTERVENTION BY AN OPERATOR,**
 8 **WHETHER DEFIBRILLATION SHOULD BE PERFORMED;**

9 **(IV) ON DETERMINING THAT DEFIBRILLATION SHOULD BE**
 10 **PERFORMED, AUTOMATICALLY CHARGES; AND**

11 **(V) 1. REQUIRES OPERATOR INTERVENTION TO DELIVER**
 12 **THE ELECTRICAL IMPULSE; OR**

13 **2. AUTOMATICALLY CONTINUES WITH DELIVERY OF THE**
 14 **ELECTRICAL IMPULSE.**

15 **(3) “GROCERY STORE” MEANS A STORE THAT HAS:**

16 **(I) ALL MAJOR FOOD DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING PRODUCE,**
 17 **MEAT, SEAFOOD, DAIRY, AND CANNED AND PACKAGED GOODS; OR**

18 **(II) 1. AT LEAST ONE OF THE MAJOR FOOD DEPARTMENTS;**
 19 **AND**

20 **2. AT LEAST ~~10,000~~ 12,000 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR**
 21 **SPACE.**

22 **(A) (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A:**

23 **(1) ~~A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY~~ GROCERY STORE ~~OR RESTAURANT~~**
 24 **THAT HAS AN ANNUAL GROSS INCOME OF ~~\$400,000~~ ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 OR**
 25 **LESS; OR**

26 **(2) A RESTAURANT WITH:**

27 **(I) AN ANNUAL GROSS INCOME OF \$1,000,000 OR LESS,**
 28 **EXCLUSIVE OF SALES FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; OR**

29 **(II) A SEATING CAPACITY OF LESS THAN 100 INDIVIDUALS.**

1 ~~(B)~~ (C) ~~THE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, EACH OWNER AND OPERATOR~~
2 ~~OF A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY GROCERY STORE OR RESTAURANT SHALL DEVELOP~~
3 ~~AND, BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, IMPLEMENT AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL~~
4 ~~DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-517 OF THE~~
5 ~~EDUCATION ARTICLE;~~

6 (1) PLACE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IN A
7 PROMINENT AREA, ACCESSIBLE TO EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS; AND

8 (2) MAINTAIN THE FUNCTIONALITY OF THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
9 DEFIBRILLATOR.

10 (D) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER IMMUNITIES AVAILABLE UNDER
11 STATUTORY OR COMMON LAW:

12 (1) A GROCERY STORE OR RESTAURANT IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR
13 ANY ACT OR OMISSION IN THE PROVISION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
14 DEFIBRILLATION IF THE GROCERY STORE OR RESTAURANT HAS SATISFIED THE
15 REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION;

16 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ANY ACT OR OMISSION
17 IF:

18 (i) THE INDIVIDUAL IS ACTING IN GOOD FAITH WHILE
19 RENDERING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL
20 WHO IS A VICTIM OR REASONABLY BELIEVED BY THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE A VICTIM OF
21 A SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST;

22 (ii) THE ASSISTANCE OR AID IS PROVIDED IN A REASONABLY
23 PRUDENT MANNER; AND

24 (iii) THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION IS PROVIDED
25 WITHOUT FEE OR OTHER COMPENSATION; AND

26 (3) A GROCERY STORE, RESTAURANT, OR INDIVIDUAL IS NOT CIVILLY
27 LIABLE FOR FAILING TO RENDER AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION TO AN
28 INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A VICTIM OR IS REASONABLY BELIEVED TO BE A VICTIM OF A
29 SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST.

30 ~~(E)~~ (E) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR
31 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS JOINTLY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS
32 THAT:

1 (1) ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR PERIODIC INSPECTIONS AND
 2 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; ~~AND~~

3 (2) ASSIST THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF A ~~FOOD SERVICE FACILITY~~
 4 GROCERY STORE OR RESTAURANT IN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS
 5 SECTION; ~~AND~~

6 (3) REQUIRE EACH GROCERY STORE AND RESTAURANT SUBJECT TO
 7 THIS SECTION TO REGISTER WITH THE MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY
 8 MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO:

9 (I) MAKE ITS LOCATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE TO EMERGENCY
 10 DISPATCHERS; AND

11 (II) RECEIVE MAINTENANCE AND RECALL NOTICES FROM THE
 12 MARYLAND INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEMS.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (a) On or before December 1, 2024, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical
 15 Services Systems shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and
 16 Government Operations Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee, in
 17 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

18 (1) the grocery stores and restaurants that registered automated external
 19 defibrillators in accordance with regulations adopted under § 21-330.3 of the Health –
 20 General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and

21 (2) the number of adverse cardiac events that required the use of an
 22 automated external defibrillator experienced in the grocery stores and restaurants that
 23 registered the automated external defibrillators.

24 (b) On or before December 1, 2024, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical
 25 Services Systems, in collaboration with the Maryland Restaurant Association and the
 26 Maryland Retailers Association, shall evaluate the impact of expanding the scope of §
 27 21-330.3 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to include more
 28 restaurants and grocery stores and report its findings and recommendations to the Senate
 29 Finance Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the
 30 House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
 31 Article.

32 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 33 October 1, 2023.