

By Representative Byrd

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to medical transportation
3 services; amending s. 401.291, F.S.; revising
4 legislative intent with respect to automatic
5 external defibrillators; revising requirements
6 with respect to training and qualifications to
7 use an automatic or semiautomatic
8 defibrillator; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 401.291,
13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 401.291 Automatic external defibrillators.--

15 (1) The Legislature finds that the provision of timely
16 emergency attention will save many lives. The Legislature
17 further finds that the use of automatic and semiautomatic
18 defibrillators may save the lives of many residents of the
19 state and recognizes that the incorrect or inappropriate use
20 of a defibrillatory shock could cause injury or death. It is
21 the intent of the Legislature to set minimum standards for
22 use, training, and medical control of automatic and
23 semiautomatic defibrillators and the use of these medical
24 devices in an out-of-hospital ~~a coordinated emergency medical~~
25 ~~response~~ environment.

26 (2) An automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator may be
27 used by any individual who meets the requirements of this
28 section, ~~who is a member of a locally coordinated response~~
29 ~~team that is authorized to respond to a request for emergency~~
30 ~~assistance for the purpose of providing an assessment of the~~
31 ~~need for and appropriate use of an automatic or semiautomatic~~

1 ~~defibrillator, and~~ who has successfully completed an
2 appropriate training course as approved by the local emergency
3 medical services medical director. This requirement consists
4 of completion of a course ~~certification~~ in cardiopulmonary
5 resuscitation or successful completion of a ~~an 8-hour~~ basic
6 first aid course that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation
7 training, and demonstrated proficiency in the use of an
8 automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator, ~~and successful~~
9 ~~completion of at least 6 hours of training in at least two~~
10 ~~sessions~~, to include instruction in:

11 (a) The proper use, maintenance, and periodic
12 inspection of the automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator.

13 (b) Defibrillator safety precautions to enable the
14 user to administer a shock without jeopardizing the safety of
15 the patient, the user, or other persons.

16 (c) Assessment of an unconscious person to determine
17 if cardiac arrest has occurred and the appropriateness of
18 applying an automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator.

19 (d) Recognizing that an electrical shock has been
20 delivered to the patient and that the defibrillator is no
21 longer charged.

22 (e) Rapid, accurate assessment of the patient's
23 postshock status to determine if further activation of the
24 automatic or semiautomatic defibrillator is necessary.

25 (f) The operations of the local emergency medical
26 services system, including methods of access to the emergency
27 response system, the need to activate the EMS system as soon
28 as possible upon use of the automatic or semiautomatic
29 defibrillator, and interaction with emergency medical services
30 personnel.

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1 (g) The role of the user and coordination with other
2 emergency medical service providers in the provision of
3 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation, basic life
4 support, and advanced life support.

5 (h) The responsibility of the user to continue care
6 until the arrival of medically qualified personnel.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
8 law.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Revises the provision of law in the Raymond H. Alexander,
13 M.D., Emergency Medical Transportation Services Act
14 dealing with automatic external defibrillators to revise
15 language with respect to legislative intent and to revise
16 the requirements with respect to training and with
17 respect to individuals who may use automatic or
18 semiautomatic defibrillators. See bill for details.

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