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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to automated external
defibrillators; amending s. 401.2915, F.S.;
revising legislative intent with respect to the
use of an automated external defibrillator;
classifying an automated external defibrillator
as a lifesaving device; defining a related
term; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 401.2915, Florida Statutes, is
amended to read:

401.2915 Automated external defibrillators.--It is the
intent of the Legislature that an automated external
defibrillator may be used by any person for the purpose of
saving the life of another person in cardiac arrest. In order
to achieve that goal, the Legislature intends to encourage
training in lifesaving first aid, set standards for the use of
automated external defibrillators, and encourage their use.

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Automated external defibrillator" means a
lifesaving device that:

1. Is approved for premarket modification by the
United States Food and Drug Administration pursuant to 21
U.S.C. s. 360(k);

2. Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence
of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia
and is capable of determining, without intervention by an
operator, if defibrillation should be performed; and

1 3. Automatically charges and delivers an electrical
2 impulse to a person's heart when it determines that
3 defibrillation should be performed.

4 (b) "Defibrillation" means the administration of a
5 controlled electrical charge to the heart to restore a viable
6 cardiac rhythm.

7 (2) In order to ensure public health and safety:

8 (a)~~(1)~~ All persons who use an automated external
9 defibrillator must obtain appropriate training, to include
10 completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or
11 successful completion of a basic first aid course that
12 includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and
13 demonstrated proficiency in the use of an automated external
14 defibrillator;

15 (b)~~(2)~~ Any person or entity in possession of an
16 automated external defibrillator is encouraged to register
17 with the local emergency medical services medical director the
18 existence and location of the automated external
19 defibrillator; and

20 (c)~~(3)~~ Any person who uses an automated external
21 defibrillator shall ~~is required to~~ activate the emergency
22 medical services system as soon as possible upon use of the
23 automated external defibrillator.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
25 law.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Revises legislative intent. Classifies an automated
30 external defibrillator as a lifesaving device. Defines
31 other related terms.