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

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

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

13 401.2915 Automated external defibrillators.--It is the
 14 intent of the Legislature that an automated external
 15 defibrillator may be used by any person for the purpose of
 16 saving the life of another person in cardiac arrest. In order to
 17 achieve that goal, the Legislature intends to encourage training
 18 in lifesaving first aid, set standards for the use of automated
 19 external defibrillators, and encourage their use.

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

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

23 1. Is approved for premarket modification by the United
 24 States Food and Drug Administration pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s.
 25 360(k);

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

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

33 (b) "Defibrillation" means the administration of a
 34 controlled electrical charge to the heart to restore a viable
 35 cardiac rhythm.

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

37 (a)(1) All persons who use an automated external
 38 defibrillator must obtain appropriate training, to include
 39 completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or
 40 successful completion of a basic first aid course that includes
 41 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, and demonstrated
 42 proficiency in the use of an automated external defibrillator;

43 (b)(2) Any person or entity in possession of an automated
 44 external defibrillator is encouraged to register with the local
 45 emergency medical services medical director the existence and
 46 location of the automated external defibrillator; and

47 (c)(3) Any person who uses an automated external
 48 defibrillator shall ~~is required to~~ activate the emergency
 49 medical services system as soon as possible upon use of the
 50 automated external defibrillator.

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