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An act relating to automated external defibrillators; amending s. 401.2915, F.S.; authorizing certain businesses to have automated external defibrillators on their premises; providing for training in the operation and maintenance thereof by the local emergency medical services provider at no cost to the business; providing immunity from civil liability; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing an exemption from the tax on sales, use, and other transactions for automated external defibrillators purchased by certain businesses; 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 ensure public health and safety:

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

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

- (3) Any person who uses an automated external defibrillator is required to activate the emergency medical services system as soon as possible upon use of the automated external defibrillator.
- (4) Any business entity as defined in s. 606.03 may have an automated external defibrillator on the premises and shall ensure that employees are properly trained in the operation and maintenance thereof, pursuant to subsection (1). Such training shall be provided by the local emergency medical services provider at no cost to the business. The use of automated external defibrillators by employees shall be covered under the provisions of ss. 768.13 and 768.1325.
- Section 2. Paragraph (ccc) is added to subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:
- 212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.
- (7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS. -- Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means,

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including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

(ccc) Automated external defibrillators.--The cost of an automated external defibrillator purchased by a business entity as defined in s. 606.03 is exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.