

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; defining an automated external
 6 defibrillator as a lifesaving defibrillation device;
 7 defining a related 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 defibrillation device that:

23 1. Is commercially distributed as a defibrillation device
 24 in accordance with the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

25 2. Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of
 26 ventricular fibrillation and is capable of determining, without
 27 intervention by the user of the device, if defibrillation should
 28 be performed; and

29 3. Is capable of delivering an electrical shock to an
 30 individual, upon determining that defibrillation should be
 31 performed.

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

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

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

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

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

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