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

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

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

1 3. Is capable of delivering an electrical shock to an
2 individual, upon determining that defibrillation should be
3 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 Defines an automated external defibrillator as a
30 lifesaving defibrillation device. Defines other related
31 terms.