CS/CS/HB 945 — Automated External Defibrillators/Assisted Living

by Health Care Appropriations Committee; Elder and Family Services Policy Committee; Rep. Anderson and others (CS/CS/SB 2008 by Children, Families, and Elder Affairs Committee; Health Regulation Committee; and Senators Fasano and Lynn)

The bill requires an assisted living facility (ALF) that has 17 or more licensed beds to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) at the facility by July 1, 2011. Immunity from civil liability is extended to the facility and facility staff for the use of the AED under the provisions of the Good Samaritan Act and the Cardiac Arrest Survival Act. Facility staff are authorized to withhold or withdraw the use of an AED if presented with an order not to resuscitate. The Department of Elderly Affairs is authorized to adopt rules relating to the use of an AED.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2010, except as otherwise provided.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 99-13