



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 316**

LCO No. 1248

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL  
DEFIBRILLATOR TASK FORCE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before September 1, 2002,  
2 the Commissioner of Public Health shall convene a task force to  
3 develop recommendations that maximize community access to  
4 automated external defibrillators. Such recommendations shall include  
5 strategies to: (1) Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
6 automated external defibrillation to cardiac arrest victims in public  
7 settings, including, but not limited to, state and municipal facilities; (2)  
8 provide training to members of the public in cardiopulmonary  
9 resuscitation and automated external defibrillation in accordance with  
10 the standards set forth by the American Red Cross or the American  
11 Heart Association; and (3) encourage private companies to purchase  
12 automated external defibrillators and provide training to their  
13 employees in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external  
14 defibrillation in accordance with the standards set forth by the  
15 American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

16 (b) Said task force shall be composed of one representative from

17 each of the following organizations: The American Heart Association,  
18 the American Red Cross, the Connecticut State Medical Society, the  
19 Academy of Emergency Room Physicians, the First Aid Council,  
20 Regional Emergency Medical Services Councils, the Connecticut State  
21 Police Association, the Connecticut Firefighters Association, the State  
22 Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, the Attorney General, or the  
23 Attorney General's designee, and the Commissioner of Public Health,  
24 or said commissioner's designee.

25 (c) On or before January 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Public Health  
26 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on  
27 the recommendations of the task force to the joint standing committee  
28 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
29 public health.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish an automated external defibrillator task force.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*