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"AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 52-557b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
5 *passage*):

6 (a) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the
7 provisions of chapter 370 or dentistry under the provisions of section
8 20-106 or members of the same professions licensed to practice in any
9 other state of the United States, a person licensed as a registered nurse
10 under section 20-93 or 20-94 or certified as a licensed practical nurse
11 under section 20-96 or 20-97, a medical technician or any person
12 operating a cardiopulmonary resuscitator or an automatic external
13 defibrillator, or a person trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [or
14 in the use of an automatic external defibrillator] in accordance with the

15 standards set forth by the American Red Cross or American Heart
16 Association, who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the
17 ordinary course of such person's employment or practice, renders
18 emergency medical or professional assistance to a person in need
19 thereof, shall not be liable to such person assisted for civil damages for
20 any personal injuries which result from acts or omissions by such
21 person in rendering the emergency care, which may constitute
22 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection does
23 not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton
24 negligence. For the purposes of this subsection, "automatic external
25 defibrillator" means a device that: (1) Is used to administer an electric
26 shock through the chest wall to the heart; (2) contains internal
27 decision-making electronics, microcomputers or special software that
28 allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make medical diagnosis and,
29 if necessary, apply therapy; (3) guides the user through the process of
30 using the device by audible or visual prompts; and (4) does not require
31 the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use."