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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS FOR PUBLIC USE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-437 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 Before [he may be issued] the issuance of a license in accordance
4 with the provisions of this chapter, the applicant shall first:

5 (1) Determine the maximum number of people which will be
6 assembled or admitted to the location of the assembly, provided the
7 maximum number shall not exceed the maximum number which can
8 reasonably assemble at the location of the assembly in consideration of
9 the nature of the assembly and provided, where the assembly is to
10 continue overnight, the maximum number shall not be more than is
11 allowed to sleep within the boundaries of the location of the assembly
12 by the zoning or health ordinances of the municipality;

13 (2) Provide proof that food concessions will be in operation on the
14 grounds with sufficient capacity to accommodate the number of

15 persons expected to be in attendance and that he will furnish at his
16 own expense before the assembly commences: (A) Potable water,
17 meeting all federal and state requirements for purity, sufficient to
18 provide drinking water for the maximum number of people to be
19 assembled at the rate of at least one gallon per person per day and
20 water for bathing at the rate of at least ten gallons per person per day;
21 (B) separate enclosed toilets for males and females, meeting all state
22 and local specifications, conveniently located throughout the grounds,
23 sufficient to provide facilities for the maximum number of people to be
24 assembled at the rate of at least one toilet for every two hundred
25 females and at least one toilet for every three hundred males, together
26 with an efficient, sanitary means of disposing of waste matter
27 deposited, which is in compliance with all state and local laws and
28 regulations. A lavatory with running water under pressure and a
29 continuous supply of soap and paper towels shall be provided with
30 each toilet; (C) a sanitary method of disposing of solid waste, in
31 compliance with state and local laws and regulations, sufficient to
32 dispose of the solid waste production of the maximum number of
33 people to be assembled at the rate of at least two and one-half pounds
34 of solid waste per person per day, together with a plan for holding and
35 a plan for collecting all such waste at least once each day of the
36 assembly and sufficient trash cans with tight fitting lids and personnel
37 to perform the task; (D) [physicians and nurses licensed to practice in
38 this state at the rate of at least one physician for every one thousand
39 people and at least one nurse for every fifteen hundred people
40 anticipated to be assembled, together with an enclosed covered
41 structure where treatment may be rendered, containing a separately
42 enclosed treatment room for each physician, and at least one
43 emergency ambulance available for use at all times] a written plan
44 approved by the primary services area responder, as defined in section
45 19a-175, in the location where the assembly is to be held, that indicates
46 that the applicant has satisfactorily planned and arranged for the on-
47 site availability of an emergency medical service organization, as
48 defined in section 19a-175, during the duration of the assembly, and

49 for the availability of one or more automatic external defibrillators, as
50 defined in section 19a-175, with conspicuous signage that indicates the
51 location of such defibrillators on the assembly grounds. Prior to
52 approving an applicant's plan, the primary services area responder
53 may consult with the applicant, the designated emergency medical
54 service organization and a sponsor hospital in the location where the
55 assembly is to be held; (E) if the assembly is to continue during hours
56 of darkness, illumination sufficient to light the entire area of the
57 assembly at the rate of at least five foot candles, but not to shine
58 unreasonably beyond the boundaries of the location of the assembly;
59 (F) a free parking area inside of the assembly grounds sufficient to
60 provide parking space for the maximum number of people to be
61 assembled at the rate of at least one parking space for every four
62 persons; (G) telephones connected to outside lines sufficient to provide
63 service for the maximum number of people to be assembled at the rate
64 of at least one separate line and receiver for each one thousand
65 persons; (H) if the assembly is to continue overnight, camping facilities
66 in compliance with all state and local requirements, sufficient to
67 provide camping accommodations for the maximum number of people
68 to be assembled; (I) security guards, either regularly employed, duly
69 sworn, off duty policemen or constables or private guards, licensed in
70 this state, sufficient to provide adequate security for the maximum
71 number of people to be assembled at the rate of at least one security
72 guard for every seven hundred fifty people; (J) fire protection,
73 including alarms, extinguishing devices and fire lanes and escapes,
74 sufficient to meet all state and local standards for the location of the
75 assembly and sufficient emergency personnel to operate efficiently the
76 required equipment; (K) all reasonably necessary precautions to insure
77 that the sound of the assembly will not carry unreasonably beyond the
78 enclosed boundaries of the location of the assembly; (L) a bond, filed
79 with the clerk of the municipality in which the assembly is to gather,
80 either in cash or underwritten by a surety company licensed to do
81 business in this state at the rate of four dollars per person for the
82 maximum number of people permitted to assemble, which (i) shall

83 indemnify and hold harmless the municipality or any of its agents,
84 officers, servants or employees from any liability or causes of action
85 which might arise by reason of granting the license, and from any cost
86 incurred in cleaning up any waste material produced or left by the
87 assembly; (ii) guarantee the state the payment of any taxes which may
88 accrue as a result of the gathering; and (iii) guarantee reimbursement
89 of ticketholders if the event is cancelled.

90 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) Any person or entity that
91 maintains upon public or private property one or more automatic
92 external defibrillators, as defined in section 19a-175 of the general
93 statutes, that are available for public use by such person or entity, shall
94 (1) maintain such automatic external defibrillators in a publicly
95 accessible location on the property and shall have conspicuous signage
96 on the property that indicates the location of such defibrillators; (2)
97 routinely inspect such defibrillators to ensure that they are in proper
98 working order; (3) maintain and test such defibrillators in accordance
99 with the manufacturer's guidelines; and (4) promptly notify a local
100 emergency medical services organization after each application or use
101 of such defibrillators.

102 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,
103 the Commissioner of Public Health, within available appropriations,
104 shall provide grants to municipalities to assist such municipalities with
105 the purchase of automatic external defibrillators. Automatic external
106 defibrillators purchased pursuant to this section shall be placed,
107 maintained and available for public use in buildings and schools under
108 the jurisdiction of the municipality or its board of education. A
109 municipality seeking such grant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of
110 the commissioner that the municipality has previously been
111 designated by the American Heart Association as a heart safe
112 community or shall work in collaboration with the Department of
113 Public Health to achieve heart safe community status from the
114 American Heart Association. Grants available pursuant to this section
115 shall not exceed one-half of the cost that is incurred by the

116 municipality for the purchase of automatic external defibrillators.

117 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand
118 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Public Health, from the
119 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the purpose
120 of providing grants to municipalities to assist such municipalities with
121 the purchase of automatic external defibrillators for public use within
122 the municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	19a-437
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the health and safety of those in the state by expanding access to automatic external defibrillators throughout the state.

[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.]