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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1089

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"AN ACT CONCERNING AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 52-557b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2009*):

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, or a person operating an automatic external defibrillator,
17 who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the ordinary
18 course of such person's employment or practice, renders emergency
19 medical or professional assistance to a person in need thereof, shall not
20 be liable to such person assisted for civil damages for any personal
21 injuries which result from acts or omissions by such person in
22 rendering the emergency care, which may constitute ordinary
23 negligence. A person or entity that provides or maintains an automatic
24 external defibrillator shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of the
25 person or entity in providing or maintaining the automatic external
26 defibrillator, which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity
27 provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or omissions
28 constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. With respect to the use
29 of an automatic external defibrillator, the immunity provided in this
30 subsection shall only apply to acts or omissions involving the use of an
31 automatic external defibrillator in the rendering of emergency care.
32 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt paid or
33 volunteer firefighters, police officers or emergency medical services
34 personnel from completing training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
35 or in the use of an automatic external defibrillator in accordance with
36 the standard set forth by the American Red Cross or American Heart
37 Association. For the purposes of this subsection, "automatic external
38 defibrillator" means a device that: (1) Is used to administer an electric
39 shock through the chest wall to the heart; (2) contains internal
40 decision-making electronics, microcomputers or special software that
41 allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make medical diagnosis and,
42 if necessary, apply therapy; (3) guides the user through the process of
43 using the device by audible or visual prompts; and (4) does not require
44 the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	52-557b(a)
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