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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMATIC  
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN CERTAIN HEALTH CARE  
SETTINGS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) Each dialysis unit,  
2 outpatient surgical facility and residential care home seeking to be  
3 licensed or relicensed by the Department of Public Health shall, as a  
4 condition of obtaining licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the  
5 department that such facility maintains not less than one automatic  
6 external defibrillator in a readily accessible, central location within the  
7 facility.

8 (b) Each dialysis unit, outpatient surgical facility and residential  
9 care home seeking to be licensed or relicensed by the Department of  
10 Public Health shall, as a condition of obtaining licensure, demonstrate  
11 to the satisfaction of the department that such facility employs  
12 personnel trained in the operation of an automatic external  
13 defibrillator and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation at all times  
14 while the facility is providing services to patients or residents, as the  
15 case may be.

16 (c) Not later than July 1, 2012, each dialysis unit, outpatient surgical  
17 facility and residential care home licensed by the Department of Public  
18 Health shall develop an emergency action response plan that  
19 addresses the appropriate use of facility personnel to respond to  
20 incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest  
21 or a similar life-threatening emergency while on facility grounds. Such  
22 emergency action response plan shall be made available to the  
23 department, upon request.

24 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in  
25 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
26 carry out the provisions of this section.

27 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) Each assisted living  
28 services agency, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes,  
29 seeking to be licensed or relicensed by the Department of Public  
30 Health shall, as a condition of obtaining licensure, demonstrate to the  
31 satisfaction of the department that such agency maintains a sufficient  
32 number of automatic external defibrillators, taking into consideration  
33 the number of locations and persons served by such agency.

34 (b) Each assisted living services agency seeking to be licensed or  
35 relicensed by the Department of Public Health shall, as a condition of  
36 obtaining licensure, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the department  
37 that such agency employs a sufficient number of personnel trained in  
38 the operation of an automatic external defibrillator and the use of  
39 cardiopulmonary resuscitation at all times while such agency is  
40 providing assisted living services on behalf of clients. The number of  
41 personnel trained in the operation of an automatic external  
42 defibrillator and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall take  
43 into consideration the number of locations and persons served by such  
44 agency.

45 (c) Not later than July 1, 2012, each assisted living services agency  
46 licensed by the Department of Public Health shall develop an  
47 emergency action response plan that addresses the appropriate use of

48 agency personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual  
49 experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening  
50 emergency while receiving assisted living services. Such emergency  
51 action response plan shall be made available to the department, upon  
52 request.

53 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in  
54 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
55 carry out the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the presence of automated external defibrillators in health care settings where instances of sudden cardiac arrest are most likely to occur.

*[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.]*