
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6146

AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CERTIFICATION COURSES IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND EDUCATION AND TRAINING COURSES IN THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST AID.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Department of Public Health (DPH) to add to the list of organizations that may certify or train people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), or first aid for certain purposes, such as (1) CPR certification for lifeguards and (2) various provisions in the Good Samaritan statute. It does so by allowing organizations to provide this training or certification if DPH determines that the organization's requirements are substantially similar to those of the organizations already listed in statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING TRAINING OR CERTIFICATION IN CPR, FIRST AID, AND AED USE

Table 1 below lists the (1) contexts in which the bill applies and (2) organizations or persons listed in existing law who may certify or train people in these contexts.

Under the bill, the provisions listed in the table also apply if the person's training or certification, as applicable, was provided by an organization that DPH determines has similar requirements as the organizations listed in existing law.

Table 1: CPR, First Aid, and AED Use Training or Certification

§	<i>Context of Training or Certification</i>	<i>Training or Certification Organizations/Persons Listed in Existing Law</i>
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§	Context of Training or Certification	Training or Certification Organizations/Persons Listed in Existing Law
1	Required CPR certification for lifeguards (DPH must adopt regulations to this effect)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Heart Association (AHA) • American Red Cross • American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
2	Firefighters, police officers, ski patrol members, lifeguards, conservation officers, patrol and special police officers of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), or emergency medical service (EMS) personnel who have been trained to use an AED are not subject to additional requirements, except recertification, in order to use an AED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross
3	Civil immunity for CPR-trained persons for ordinary negligence when providing emergency assistance voluntarily and gratuitously and not in the ordinary course of their employment or practice These and related Good Samaritan provisions concerning AED use do not exempt firefighters, police officers, or EMS personnel from completing CPR or AED training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross
3	Civil immunity for certain trained persons for ordinary negligence when providing emergency first aid This applies to firefighters, teachers or other school personnel, ski patrol members, lifeguards, conservation officers, DEEP patrol and special police officers, or EMS personnel who completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director
3	Civil immunity for trained employee of railroad company, including commuter rail line, for ordinary negligence when providing emergency first aid or CPR This applies if the employee completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director

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3	Civil immunity for trained person for ordinary negligence when providing emergency assistance by use of a cartridge injector, voluntarily and gratuitously and not in the ordinary course of their employment or practice This applies if the person completed a first aid course certified by the organization offering the course.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • DPH • National Ski Patrol • Local health director
4	Requires presence of at least one person trained in AED use and in CPR to be on premises during intercollegiate sport practices, training, or competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross
5	Child care center staffing requirements for CPR-certified employees (Office of Early Childhood must adopt regulations setting such appropriate requirements)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHA • American Red Cross • National Safety Council • ASHI • Medic First Aid International

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/22/2019)