Bill No.: HB-6530
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS.
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Vote Action: Joint Favorable
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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Public Health Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
To require state owned or state leased buildings to have at least one automatic external defibrillator (AED) in a central location and at least one employee present during normal business hours who is trained to use it.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None submitted.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Kenneth Post:
Rep. Altobello of the 82nd Assembly District proposed this legislation to the Public Health Committee on behalf of Mr. Post. Mr. Post is employed by the Auditors of Public Accounts and suffered a cardiac arrest while at work. Fortunately there were three former and one current first responder in the building who were able to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for 18 minutes until an ambulance arrived equipped with an AED. Mr. Post states that the estimated time from his cardiac arrest to his arrival at Hartford Hospital was approximated at 40 minutes, and if it weren’t for the first responders performing CPR he may not be alive today.

As an employer, the State of Connecticut should set an example by taking the lead and providing AED in all state buildings. This will ensure state employees and the public that the
State has their best interest in mind. Mr. Post suggests that language should be modified to provide for more than one trained person in AED usage at any such building.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None submitted.

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