

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for registration of automated external defibrillators  
2 and for a fee.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Automated  
7 External Defibrillator Registration Act.

8 Section 2. Purpose and intent.

9 The use of automated external defibrillators in this  
10 Commonwealth has had a demonstrably positive impact on saving  
11 the lives of persons in cardiac arrest. It is the intent of the  
12 General Assembly that access to automated external  
13 defibrillators be made widely available to emergency medical  
14 services and fire and police departments throughout this  
15 Commonwealth. The establishment of a Statewide registry of  
16 automated external defibrillators will assist emergency  
17 personnel in saving the lives of citizens when responding to  
18 emergencies.

1 Section 3. Definitions.

2 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
3 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
4 context clearly indicates otherwise:

5 "Automated external defibrillator." A portable device which  
6 uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an  
7 individual in cardiac arrest.

8 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

9 "Extended relocation." A relocation of the automated  
10 external defibrillator from its registered location for a period  
11 of 14 consecutive days or more.

12 Section 4. Automated external defibrillator registry.

13 (a) Establishment.--There shall be established in the  
14 department's Emergency Medical Services Office a registry for  
15 automated external defibrillators in this Commonwealth. The  
16 department shall release information from the registry to the  
17 emergency medical service regional councils who shall then  
18 provide the information to 911 operations centers. In an  
19 emergency, the operations centers shall provide information from  
20 the registry to the first responders to the emergency through  
21 the 911 system.

22 (b) Contents.--The registry shall include the address and  
23 precise permanent location of the automated external  
24 defibrillator.

25 (c) Fee.--The department shall implement a registration fee  
26 for any automated external defibrillator registered under this  
27 act which shall be in an amount necessary only to pay for the  
28 costs of establishing and maintaining the automated external  
29 defibrillator registry.

30 Section 5. Registration.

1 (a) Requirements.--Except as provided in section 6 (relating  
2 to applicability), any person who has purchased an automated  
3 external defibrillator on or after the effective date of this  
4 act shall register the unit in the automated external  
5 defibrillator registry established in section 4 (relating to  
6 automated external defibrillator registry) within 30 days of  
7 acquisition of the automated external defibrillator. Any person  
8 who has purchased an automated external defibrillator before the  
9 effective date of this act may register the unit in the  
10 automated external defibrillator registry established in section  
11 4.

12 (b) Relocation.--Any person that has registered an automated  
13 external defibrillator pursuant to subsection (a) shall provide  
14 the registry with notice of an extended relocation of the  
15 automated external defibrillator.

16 (c) Written notice.--Manufacturers and distributors of  
17 automated external defibrillators shall provide written notice  
18 to purchasers of automated external defibrillators in this  
19 Commonwealth concerning the requirements of this act.

#### 20 Section 6. Applicability.

21 Any person that has purchased an automated external  
22 defibrillator which is located in a private residence shall not  
23 be required to register the automated external defibrillator  
24 under this act. Nothing in this section shall prevent a person  
25 that has purchased an automated external defibrillator which is  
26 located in a private residence from voluntarily registering  
27 under this act.

#### 28 Section 7. Regulations.

29 The Department of Health is authorized to promulgate rules  
30 and regulations to carry out the provisions of this act.

1 Section 8. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.