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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS  
REQUIRED AT PUBLIC PLACES

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Fenton-Fung, Baginski, Serpa, Shallcross Smith,  
and Messier

Date Introduced: January 05, 2024

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-6.5-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-6.5 entitled "Automated  
2 External Defibrillators Required at Public Places" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-6.5-2. Automated external defibrillators requirements.**

4 (a) As used in this chapter, "public place" means an enclosed area capable of holding three  
5 hundred (300) people or more and to which the public is invited or in which the public is permitted,  
6 including, but not limited to: banks; bars; educational facilities; healthcare facilities; [public or](#)  
7 [private golf courses](#); laundromats; public transportation facilities; reception areas; restaurants; retail  
8 food production and marketing establishments; retail service establishments; retail stores; shopping  
9 malls; sports arenas; government offices; theaters; and waiting rooms. A private residence is not a  
10 "public place" unless it is used as a childcare, adult daycare, or healthcare facility.

11 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions contained in § 5-50-12 or § 16-21-33.1 relating to  
12 automated external defibrillators in health clubs and schools, any person who owns or operates a  
13 public place as defined in subsection (a) of this section shall provide and maintain:

14 (1) On-site, functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in quantities and types,  
15 deemed by the director of health, to be adequate to ensure ready and appropriate access for use  
16 during emergencies; and

17 (2) At least one person who is properly trained in the operation and use of an AED. Training  
18 required by this chapter may be conducted by qualified personnel, including, but not limited to,

1 municipal fire and police department employees.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require golfing facilities to have an automated external defibrillator on the
- 2 premises.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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