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LCO No. 3607



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REQUIRING NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Assisted living facility" means a facility operated by an assisted
3 living services agency, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general
4 statutes, that provides chronic and stable individuals with services that
5 include, but need not be limited to, nursing services and assistance with
6 activities of daily living and may have a dementia special care unit or
7 program, as defined in section 19a-562 of the general statutes;

8 (2) "Automated external defibrillator" means a device that: (A) Is used
9 to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart; (B)
10 contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or
11 special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make
12 medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy; (C) guides the user
13 through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts;
14 and (D) does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment

15 in its use; and

16 (3) "Nursing home" means (A) any chronic and convalescent nursing
 17 home or any rest home with nursing supervision that provides nursing
 18 supervision under a medical director twenty-four hours per day; or (B)
 19 any chronic and convalescent nursing home that provides skilled
 20 nursing care under medical supervision and direction to carry out
 21 nonsurgical treatment and dietary procedures for chronic diseases,
 22 convalescent stages, acute diseases or injuries.

23 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, the administrator of each nursing
 24 home and each assisted living facility shall (1) provide and maintain an
 25 automated external defibrillator in a central location on the premises of
 26 the home or facility, (2) make such central location known and accessible
 27 to staff members and residents of the home or facility and family
 28 members of such residents who visit the home or facility, (3) ensure that
 29 at least one staff member of the home or facility, who is trained in
 30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automatic external
 31 defibrillator in accordance with the standards set forth by the American
 32 Red Cross or American Heart Association, is on the premises of the
 33 home or facility during all hours of operation, and (4) maintain and test
 34 the automatic external defibrillator in accordance with the
 35 manufacturer's guidelines.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2025	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require nursing homes and assisted living facilities to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator.

[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.]