

CHAPTER 375

AN ACT concerning the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings and supplementing P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.).

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.2A:62A-28 Definitions relative to placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings.

1. As used in this act:

"Automated external defibrillator" means an automated external defibrillator as defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24).

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

"State building" means a building or portion of a building that is owned, leased or operated by a State agency.

C.2A:62A-29 Guidelines with respect to placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings.

2. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall establish guidelines, which the commissioner shall recommend for adoption by all State agencies, with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings. The guidelines shall take into account the need to ensure compliance with the provisions of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.), for the purposes of ensuring immunity from civil liability pursuant thereto, regarding the training of users of automated external defibrillators, the maintenance and testing of these devices, coordination with emergency medical services providers, and the adoption of protocols to effectuate this compliance.

b. The commissioner shall issue the guidelines established pursuant to subsection a. of this section to all State agencies no later than the 180th day after the effective date of this act.

c. For the purpose of establishing guidelines pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the commissioner shall consult, at a minimum, with: the New Jersey First Aid Council, Inc.; the American Heart Association; the American Red Cross; the Medical Society of New Jersey; the State Treasurer; the Commissioner of Personnel; the Attorney General; and representatives of organized labor.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.