

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1242  
(Representatives Porter, R. Kelsch, Severson)  
(Senators Cook, Kilzer)

AN ACT to provide automated external defibrillator site requirements and civil liability immunity for the use of an automated external defibrillator.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. Automated external defibrillators - Requirements.**

1. Except for a medical services facility or prehospital emergency medical services provider, every person who acquires an automated external defibrillator shall:
  - a. Notify the department of health, upon acquisition of an automated external defibrillator, of the location of and the type of automated external defibrillator.
  - b. Require every individual expected to use the automated external defibrillator to receive American heart association or American red cross training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use or an equivalent nationally recognized course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use.
  - c. Maintain and test the automated external defibrillator according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.
  - d. Establish an automated external defibrillator use protocol that provides any person who provides emergency care or treatment to an individual in cardiac arrest by using the automated external defibrillator shall contact as soon as possible an appropriate health care provider or emergency medical services provider.
  - e. Consider recommendations of a licensed physician in establishing the training, notification, and maintenance requirements of this subsection.
2. Any person who in good faith and without compensation provides emergency care or emergency treatment by using an automated external defibrillator is immune from civil liability for any personal injury resulting from the emergency care or emergency treatment and for any act or failure to act in providing or arranging further medical treatment if the person providing the emergency care or emergency treatment acted as an ordinary, reasonable, prudent person would act under the same or similar circumstances. This subsection does not apply if a personal injury results from the gross negligence or from the willful or wanton misconduct of the person providing the emergency care or emergency treatment.
3. If the requirements of subsection 1 are met, the immunity provision of subsection 2 applies to a licensed physician under subdivision e of subsection 1, the person who provides the training under subdivision b of subsection 1, and the person responsible for the site on which the automated external defibrillator is located.
4. This section does not limit civil liability protection provided by any other law.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1242.

House Vote:      Yeas    98      Nays    0      Absent    0

Senate Vote:    Yeas    47      Nays    0      Absent    2

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Governor

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Secretary of State