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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST  
102 MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
103 ENVIRONMENT.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates the office of cardiac arrest management (office) in the department of public health and environment.

The office is required to:

- Facilitate the registration of defibrillators in this state through the implementation of a statewide registry;

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1 (c) UPON DETERMINING THAT DEFIBRILLATION SHOULD BE  
2 PERFORMED, AUTOMATICALLY CHARGES AND REQUESTS DELIVERY OF AN  
3 ELECTRICAL IMPULSE TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S HEART.

4 (3) "OFFICE" MEANS THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST  
5 MANAGEMENT CREATED IN SECTION 25-53-202.

6 **25-53-202. Office of cardiac arrest management - creation -**  
7 **duties - appropriation - rules.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE  
8 DEPARTMENT THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT. THE  
9 PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO:

10 (a) IMPLEMENT A STATEWIDE DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRY IN ORDER  
11 TO LET EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS KNOW WHERE  
12 A DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE FOUND AND USED WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS  
13 SUFFERING FROM CARDIAC ARREST; AND

14 (b) COORDINATE CARDIAC ARREST DATA THROUGH THE USE OF  
15 THE STATEWIDE REGISTRY.

16 (2) THE OFFICE SHALL:

17 (a) COORDINATE THE REGISTRATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN THIS  
18 STATE THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE DEFIBRILLATOR  
19 REGISTRY. THE REGISTRATION OF EACH DEFIBRILLATOR MUST INCLUDE  
20 THE ADDRESS AND PRECISE LOCATION OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR.

21 (b) IDENTIFY THE PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRIBUTING AND  
22 COLLECTING CARDIAC ARREST DATA;

23 (c) COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION AND COLLECTION OF CARDIAC  
24 ARREST DATA, INCLUDING OUTCOME DATA FROM FACILITIES THAT RECEIVE  
25 CARDIAC PATIENTS TRANSPORTED BY EMERGENCY RESPONDERS AND  
26 TERTIARY FACILITIES WHERE A CARDIAC PATIENT MAY BE TRANSFERRED  
27 AND FROM CORONERS;

1 (d) IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO RAISE PUBLIC  
2 AWARENESS REGARDING CARDIAC ARREST AND THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO  
3 SAVE LIVES, INCLUDING HOW TO ACTIVATE HELP AND EMERGENCY  
4 SERVICES. THE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN MAY USE PRINT, RADIO, TELEVISION,  
5 OR SOCIAL MEDIA. THE OUTREACH CAMPAIGN MUST ENCOURAGE ALL  
6 RESIDENTS OF COLORADO TO ENGAGE IN BASIC LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS.

7 (e) PROVIDE TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS STATEWIDE,  
8 VIRTUALLY AND IN PERSON, THAT TEACH LIFE-SAVING SKILLS, INCLUDING  
9 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR;  
10 AND

11 (f) EMPLOY A STATEWIDE CARDIAC ARREST DATA COORDINATOR,  
12 A DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRY COORDINATOR, AND OTHER PERSONNEL AS  
13 NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

14 (3) THE OFFICE MAY:

15 (a) ACQUIRE, ANALYZE, AND OVERSEE CARDIAC ARREST DATA;

16 (b) RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THE STATEWIDE DEFIBRILLATOR  
17 REGISTRY TO FIRST RESPONDERS IN AN EMERGENCY; AND

18 (c) SHARE CARDIAC ARREST DATA AND DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRY  
19 DATA WITH:

20 (I) EMERGENCY RESPONSE AGENCIES, DISPATCH CENTERS, AND  
21 OTHER ENTITIES AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
22 CAPABILITIES; AND

23 (II) APPROPRIATE ENTITIES AS REQUESTED FOR RESEARCH  
24 PURPOSES.

25 (4) FOR THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, AND FOR EACH STATE  
26 FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE  
27 FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR

1 ALLOCATION TO THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

2 (5) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT MAY  
3 PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
11 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.