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# An Act

HOUSE BILL 22-1251

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CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article 53 of title 25 as follows:

## PART 2 SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT

### **25-53-201. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 2:

(1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

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

(3) "PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR" MEANS AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR APPROVED FOR SALE BY THE FEDERAL FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION AND AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

(4) "SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST" MEANS THE SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED CESSATION OF CARDIAC MECHANICAL ACTIVITY.

**25-53-202. Office of cardiac arrest management - creation - duties - appropriation - gifts, grants, and donations - rules.** (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE OFFICE OF CARDIAC ARREST MANAGEMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO:

(a) PROMOTE THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS AND THE USE OF REGISTRIES TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHERE A PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR CAN BE FOUND AND USED WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS SUFFERING FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST; AND

(b) COORDINATE THE COLLECTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST DATA FROM HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

(2) THE OFFICE SHALL:

(a) COORDINATE THE COLLECTION OF SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST DATA INTO A DATA ANALYSIS SYSTEM SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING OUTCOME DATA FROM HOSPITALS THAT RECEIVE CARDIAC PATIENTS TRANSPORTED BY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES;

(b) IMPLEMENT AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO:

(I) RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AND THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO SAVE LIVES, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPRESSION CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION;

(II) RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS;

(III) DEMONSTRATE HOW TO CALL FOR HELP AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; AND

(IV) ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS OF COLORADO TO ENGAGE IN BASIC LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS;

(c) MAINTAIN A LIST OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN THE STATE THAT:

(I) TEACH LIFE-SAVING SKILLS, INCLUDING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF A DEFIBRILLATOR; AND

(II) COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION;

(d) EMPLOY A STATEWIDE CARDIAC ARREST DATA COORDINATOR AND OTHER PERSONNEL AS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION; AND

(e) COORDINATE THE SUBMISSION OF DATA, INCLUDING THE GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM LOCATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS, TO AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRY DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) THE OFFICE MAY:

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

(b) RELEASE REPORTS GENERATED FROM THE DATA; AND

(c) SHARE THE DATA WITH:

(I) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, DISPATCH CENTERS, HOSPITALS, AND OTHER ENTITIES AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST WITH EMERGENCY RESPONSE CAPABILITIES;

(II) APPROPRIATE ENTITIES AS REQUESTED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES;

(III) DESIGNATED STATE AND NATIONAL CARDIAC ARREST REGISTRIES; AND

(IV) DESIGNATED STATE AND NATIONAL AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR REGISTRIES.

(4) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, AND FOR EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALLOCATION TO THE OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(b) THE DEPARTMENT MAY SEEK, ACCEPT, AND EXPEND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

(5) THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH MAY PROMULGATE RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, \$200,000 is appropriated to the department of public health and environment for use by the health facilities and emergency medical services division. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the division may use this appropriation for the office of cardiac arrest related to emergency medical services.

**SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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