A BILL FOR AN ACT

CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC PLACES.

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 defines a public place and encourages any person that owns, operates, or manages a public place to place functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in sufficient quantities to ensure reasonable availability for use during perceived sudden cardiac arrest emergencies.

The bill requires any public place to accept any gift, grant, or donation of an AED that meets federal standards.
The department shall award a $75,000 contract to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of acquiring and distributing AEDs to public places.

The bill extends good samaritan protections to a variety of persons and entities.

The bill repeals an obsolete provision that encouraged school districts to acquire an AED and moves that provision to article 51 of title 25. The bill also repeals an obsolete provision that provided limited immunity to persons rendering emergency assistance through the use of an AED.

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

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add article 51 to title 25 as follows:

ARTICLE 51

Automated External Defibrillators

25-51-101. Legislative declaration. The General Assembly declares that it is the intent of the General Assembly to require the placement and encourage the use of automated external defibrillators for the purpose of saving the lives of people in cardiac arrest.

25-51-102. Definitions. As used in this article 51, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Automated external defibrillator" or "AED" means an automated external defibrillator approved for sale by the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

(2) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, association, trust, unincorporated organization or other legal entity or organization, or a government or governmental body.

(3) "Public place" means an enclosed indoor or outdoor
(4) "Public school" means a school of a school district, a district charter school, an institute charter school, a facility school, or a school operated by a board of cooperative services.

25-51-103. Placement of automated external defibrillator - donations - acquisitions - limited immunity. (1) Any public school or person who owns, operates, or manages a public place is encouraged to place functional AEDs in sufficient quantities to ensure reasonable availability for use during perceived sudden cardiac arrest emergencies.

(2) Any individual is permitted to retrieve or use an AED.

(3) (a) A public school or public place shall accept a donation of an AED that meets standards established by the Federal Food and Drug Administration and is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. A public school or public place shall also accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for obtaining an AED, and for inspection, maintenance, and training in the use of an AED.

(b) An AED acquired by a public school must be appropriate for use on children and adults.

(4) On or before September 1, 2019, the Department of Public Health and Environment shall award a seventy-five thousand dollar contract to a nonprofit organization for the purpose of acquiring and distributing AEDs to public places.
(5) (a) Any person whose primary duties do not include the provision of health care and who renders or fails to render emergency care or treatment in a suspected sudden cardiac arrest emergency is not liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions, unless the acts or omissions were negligent or willful and wanton.

(b) The limited immunity provided in subsection (5)(a) of this section extends to:

(I) any person that provides teaching or training programs for CPR to individuals from the site at which the AED is located, which programs include training in the use of an AED;

(II) the person responsible for the site where the AED is located;

(III) any licensed physician or other authorized health care provider, any person that issues a prescription for the purchase of an AED, any person or entity that provides medical oversight services to a location where an AED is located; and

(IV) any person or entity that is involved with or responsible for the design, management, or operation of an AED program.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 22-1-125.5, amend (3)(a)(I) as follows:

22-1-125.5. Requirement for certification of public school athletic coaches in cardiopulmonary resuscitation - use of automated external defibrillators - definitions. (3) Nothing in this section abrogates or limits:

(a) The protections applicable to:
(I) Any person or entity that renders emergency assistance through the use of an automated external defibrillator pursuant to section 13-21-108.1, C.R.S. ARTICLE 51 OF TITLE 25; or

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **repeal** 13-21-108.1 and 22-1-125.

SECTION 4. **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 (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); 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 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.