

AN ACT

relating to automated external defibrillators.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 779.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 779.003. ACQUISITION, MAINTENANCE, AND INSPECTION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR. A person or entity that owns or leases an automated external defibrillator shall:

(1) maintain and test the automated external defibrillator according to the manufacturer's guidelines; and

(2) conduct a monthly inspection to verify the automated external defibrillator:

(A) is placed at its designated location;

(B) reasonably appears to be ready for use; and

(C) does not reasonably appear to be damaged in a manner that could prevent operation.

SECTION 2. Section 779.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 779.006. LIABILITY EXEMPTION. (a) Unless the conduct is wilfully or wantonly negligent, a [The prescribing] physician who prescribes or is otherwise involved in [authorizes] the acquisition of an automated external defibrillator and any [in accordance with this chapter, a] person or entity that provides [approved] training in the use of an automated external

1 ~~defibrillator [in accordance with this chapter, and the person or~~
2 ~~entity that acquires the automated external defibrillator and meets~~
3 ~~the requirements of this chapter]~~ are not liable for civil damages
4 related to:

5 (1) the [for such] prescription, [training, or]
6 acquisition, or training in the use of the automated external
7 defibrillator; or

8 (2) any use or attempted use of or the failure to use
9 the automated external defibrillator [unless the conduct is
10 wilfully or wantonly negligent].

11 (b) Any person or entity that acquires an automated external
12 defibrillator and any person or entity that owns, occupies,
13 manages, or is otherwise responsible for the designated location
14 where the automated external defibrillator is placed are not liable
15 for civil damages related to the use or attempted use of or the
16 failure to use the automated external defibrillator unless the
17 conduct is wilfully or wantonly negligent [and negligently fails to
18 comply with the requirements of this chapter is liable for civil
19 damages caused by such negligence].

20 (c) The immunity provided by this section is in addition to
21 any other immunity or limitations of liability provided by other
22 law.

23 (d) The immunity described by this section applies
24 regardless of whether the person who uses, attempts to use, or fails
25 to use the automated external defibrillator received training in
26 the use of an automated external defibrillator.

27 SECTION 3. Section 21.0541, Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 21.0541. CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT FOR INSTRUCTION
3 RELATED TO USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR. The board
4 shall adopt rules allowing an educator to receive credit towards
5 the educator's continuing education requirements for completion of
6 an instructional course on the use of an automated external
7 defibrillator that meets any [~~the~~] guidelines for automated
8 external defibrillator training approved by the board [~~under~~
9 ~~Section 779.002, Health and Safety Code~~].

10 SECTION 4. The following provisions are repealed:

11 (1) Section 22.902(b), Education Code; and

12 (2) Section 779.002, Health and Safety Code.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 199 passed the Senate on April 9, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 199 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 131, Nays 14, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor