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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2004**

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**RELATING TO HEALTH - DEFIBRILLATORS**

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Giannini, Ginaitt, Ajello, and Cerra

Date Introduced: January 13, 2004

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 5-50 of the General Laws entitled "Health Clubs" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **5-50-12. Defibrillators. - - Every health club registered with the department of attorney**  
4 **general pursuant to this chapter shall have at least one (1) defibrillation device on the premises.**  
5 **These defibrillators will at all times be deployed in a manner in which best promotes the**  
6 **availability of and access to the defibrillators by the staff, health club members, guests and**  
7 **licensees. At least one (1) employee of the health club, trained in the use of an automated external**  
8 **defibrillator, must be on duty during normal business hours. Violation of this section by a health**  
9 **club may result in suspension or revocation of its registration.**

10           SECTION 2. Chapter 23-17 of the General Laws entitled "Licensing of Health Care  
11 Facilities" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

12           **23-17-58. Defibrillators. -- Every nursing home licensed pursuant to this chapter shall**  
13 **have at least one (1) defibrillation device on the premises. These defibrillators will at all times be**  
14 **deployed in a manner in which best promotes the availability of and access to the defibrillators by**  
15 **the staff. At least one (1) employee of the nursing home trained in the use of an automated**  
16 **external defibrillator, must be on duty during normal business hours. Violation of this section by**  
17 **a nursing home may result in suspension or revocation of its license.**

18           SECTION 3. Chapter 23-17.4 of the General Laws entitled "Assisted Living Residence  
19 Licensing Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

1           **23-17.4-35 Defibrillators.** -- Every assisted living residence licensed pursuant to this  
2 chapter shall have at least one (1) defibrillation device on the premises. These defibrillators will  
3 at all times be deployed in a manner in which best promotes the availability of and access to the  
4 defibrillators by the staff. At least one (1) employee of the assisted living residence trained in the  
5 use of an automated external defibrillator, must be on duty during normal business hours.  
6 Violation of this section by an assisted living residence may result in suspension or revocation of  
7 its license.

8           SECTION 4. Chapter 23-22.5 of the General Laws entitled "Drowning Prevention and  
9 Lifesaving" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

10           **23-22.5-15 Defibrillators.** -- Every swimming pool regulated pursuant to this chapter  
11 shall have at least one (1) defibrillation device on the premises. These defibrillators will at all  
12 times be deployed in a manner in which best promotes the availability of and access to the  
13 defibrillators by the staff. At least one (1) employee of the swimming pool trained in the use of  
14 an automated external defibrillator, must be on duty during normal business hours. Violation of  
15 this section shall be subject to the provisions of section 23-22.5-4.

16           SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require health clubs, nursing homes, assisted living residences and public
- 2 swimming pools to have defibrillators available on premises, and an employee qualified in its use.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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