

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2154

By: Rice, Nance and Perry of
the House

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An Act relating to torts; amending 76 O.S. 2001, Section 5A, which relates to immunity from civil liability for medical care or treatment by use of automated external defibrillator; modifying certain qualifications; providing certain immunity to course directors and trainers; providing certain immunity to prescribing physicians under certain circumstances; providing certain duties of entities that own, lease, possess, or otherwise control an automated external defibrillator; adding certain definitions; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 76 O.S. 2001, Section 5A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5A. A. 1. ~~A~~ Any person who is qualified pursuant to this subsection and who, in good faith and without expectation of compensation, renders emergency care or treatment outside of a medical facility by the use of an automated external defibrillator shall be immune from civil liability for personal injury which results from the use of the device, except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the use of such device.

2. A person is qualified pursuant to this subsection upon successful completion of appropriate training in the use of automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Appropriate training shall consist of a course ~~of at least four (4) hours of training~~ in the use of automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. ~~Providers and instructors of~~

~~these~~ Such courses shall be approved pursuant to rules ~~adopted~~
promulgated by the State Board of Health and shall be subject to
approval or disapproval in the discretion of the Commissioner of
Health. These rules may include appropriate periodic retraining at
intervals established by the Commissioner by rule.

3. Course directors and trainers who have completed the
training required by the State Department of Health for teaching
courses in the use of automated external defibrillators and
cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be immune from civil liability
for personal injury which results from the use of the device, except
for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the
teaching of such training courses.

B. ~~1.~~ A ~~qualified person or~~ prescribing physician who, in good
faith and without expectation of compensation, writes a prescription
for the use of an automated external defibrillator to render
emergency care or treatment shall be immune from civil liability for
personal injury which results from the use of the device, except for
acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the
prescribing of the device.

C. An entity which owns, leases, possesses, or otherwise
controls an automated external defibrillator shall be immune from
civil liability for personal injury which results from the use of
the device, except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton
misconduct.

~~2. A person or entity is qualified pursuant to this subsection,~~
if the ~~person or~~ entity:

~~a. requires users of~~

1. Requires its own authorized agents who may use the automated
external defibrillator to be qualified pursuant to subsection A of
this section, and if not available to the public; or

~~b. maintains~~

2. Maintains and stores its automated external defibrillator with a usage detection device which automatically signals first responders or designated qualified employees of the entity if made available to the public; and

3. Maintains and tests its automated external defibrillator according to the manufacturer's instructions.

~~C.~~ D. An entity which owns, leases, possesses or otherwise controls an automated external defibrillator shall communicate to the proper first responder the locations and placements of the automated external defibrillator owned, leased, possessed or otherwise controlled by the entity.

E. For purposes of this section:

1. "Automated external defibrillator" means a medical device consisting of a heart monitor and defibrillator which:

- a. has received approval of its premarket notification, filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C., Section 360(k), from the United States Food and Drug Administration,
- b. is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia, and is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed, and
- c. upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart; ~~and~~

2. "Entity" means public and private organizations including, but not limited to, the State of Oklahoma and its agencies and political subdivisions, a proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, or other legal entity, whether or not operated for profit;

3. "First responder" means an individual certified by the State Department of Health to perform emergency medical services in

accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development Act and in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated by the State Board of Health; and

4. "Prescribing physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine in the state pursuant to Chapters 11 and 14 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate