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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to torts; amending 76 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 5A, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 127,
9 O.S.L. 2004 (76 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 5A), which
10 relates to medical care or treatment by use of an
11 automated external defibrillator; modifying
12 eligibility for immunity from liability related to
13 certain equipment; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 76 O.S. 2001, Section 5A, as
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 127, O.S.L. 2004 (76 O.S. Supp. 2008,
17 Section 5A), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 2. ~~A person is qualified pursuant to this subsection upon~~
2 ~~successful completion of appropriate training in the use of~~
3 ~~automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~
4 ~~Appropriate training shall consist of a course in the use of~~
5 ~~automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.~~
6 ~~Such courses shall be approved pursuant to rules promulgated by the~~
7 ~~State Board of Health and shall be subject to approval or~~
8 ~~disapproval in the discretion of the Commissioner of Health. These~~
9 ~~rules may include appropriate periodic retraining at intervals~~
10 ~~established by the Commissioner by rule.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 E. For purposes of this section:

21 1. "Automated external defibrillator" means a medical device
22 consisting of a heart monitor and defibrillator which:
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- 1 a. has received approval of its premarket notification,
2 filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C., Section 360(k), from the
3 United States Food and Drug Administration,
4 b. is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of
5 ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular
6 tachycardia, and is capable of determining, without
7 intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation
8 should be performed, and
9 c. upon determining that defibrillation should be
10 performed, automatically charges and requests delivery
11 of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart;

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

17 3. "First responder" means an individual certified by the State
18 Department of Health to perform emergency medical services in
19 accordance with the Oklahoma Emergency Response Systems Development
20 Act and in accordance with the rules and standards promulgated by
21 the State Board of Health; and

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

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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