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2007-2008 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

January 3, 2007

Introduced by M. of A. WEISENBERG -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BOYLAND, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- reported and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring buildings and facilities to indicate the location of automated external defibrillators at the entrance of such buildings or facilities

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 3000-b of the public health law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

3 (f) The public access defibrillation provider shall post a sign or
4 notice at the main entrance to the facility or building in which the
5 automated external defibrillator is stored, indicating the location
6 where any such automated external defibrillator is stored or maintained
7 in such building or facility on a regular basis.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
9 it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION
submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)

BILL NUMBER: A1044A

SPONSOR: Weisenberg | (MS) | | | |

TITLE OF BILL: An act to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring buildings and facilities to indicate the location of automated external defibrillators at the entrance of such buildings or facilities

PURPOSE OR GENERAL IDEA OF BILL: To increase the likelihood that qualified good samaritans, medical professionals and those aiding in the rescue efforts for a person suffering a cardiac emergency are able to locate a public access defibrillator.

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS: This bill would amend section 3000-b of the Public Health Law to require facilities maintaining public access defibrillators to post a sign at their main entrance indicating the location of the public access AED.

JUSTIFICATION: The law is silent as to the placement of the AED equipment within facilities that either choose to voluntarily maintain, or are required to maintain a public access defibrillator. While it is reasonable to assume that a staff person who is trained in the operation and use of such equipment will likely know where to find the AED, another qualified rescuer (such as a off-duty physician, EMF, AED qualified sports coach, or other person) who does not know where the AED is located may need to use the equipment in order to save a person from a cardiac emergency. Posting a notice in the main entrance of the building or facility will provide a place where anyone can go to determine the location of the AED equipment for that facility. Making sure that the equipment can be located easily when people are under pressure to find it can save time when seconds can mean the difference between life and death.

PRIOR FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: 2006 A.11548 referred to health S.7576 3rd Rdg

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None to the State

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act shall take effect 120 days after it shall have become a law.
