

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS35079-LN-18B* (1/10)

Short Title: Funds for Defibrillators/Public Buildings. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE
3 AND PLACE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN CERTAIN
4 PUBLIC PLACES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEART DISEASE AND
5 STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

6 Whereas, sudden cardiac arrest kills approximately six hundred thousand
7 individuals every year in the United States; and

8 Whereas, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) offer the opportunity for
9 lifesaving therapy to be given to individuals suffering cardiac arrest; and

10 Whereas, response time is critical, ten minutes or less, when someone is in
11 cardiac arrest, thereby making it imperative that AEDs be placed in high pedestrian
12 traffic public areas where they are easily accessible; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
15 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of
16 seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of six
17 thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to
18 pilot the placement of one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in each of six public
19 buildings or places where public usage is 300,000 or more visitors per year and the
20 building or place does not currently have an operational AED in place. In selecting
21 pilot sites, the Department shall ensure geographic representation of the State.

22 Funds shall be used to purchase six AED units, conduct on-site training at six
23 sites, and conduct ongoing educational/awareness campaigns to the general public in the
24 piloted counties. The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch of the Division of
25 Public Health will be responsible for the purchase of AEDs, training of pilot program
26 participants, and evaluation of the pilot program. The Department shall report on the
27 location, establishment and implementation of the pilot sites to the House of

1 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the
2 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal
3 Research Division on or before March 1, 2006.

4 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.