

HB 682 -- Physical Fitness Facilities Emergency Services

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This bill establishes the Physical Fitness Facility Emergency Services AED Act which requires physical fitness facilities to adopt, implement, and maintain a plan for responding to medical emergencies. A copy of the plan must be filed with the Department of Health and Senior Services before January 1, 2008. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Defines "automated external defibrillator (AED)," "medical emergency," and "physical fitness facility";
- (2) Requires every physical fitness facility to have at least one properly tested and maintained AED on its premises by January 1, 2008;
- (3) Requires a physical fitness facility to ensure that there is one trained AED user on staff. Staff must receive AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training by a nationally recognized organization or course;
- (4) Requires the department to establish rules to train physical fitness facility staff on the use of an AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation and inspect facilities to ensure compliance;
- (5) Specifies that a violation of these provisions will result in a written warning for the first offense and a fine for subsequent offenses;
- (6) Allows the Attorney General to enforce the collection of fines;
- (7) Creates the Physical Fitness Facility Medical Emergency Services Fund for the deposit of any fines collected;
- (8) Specifies that exemptions from civil liability are not limited or expanded; and
- (9) Requires compliance with these provisions by July 1, 2008.