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# SENATE, No. 1584

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator JOHN O. BENNETT**

**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**Senator DIANE ALLEN**

**District 7 (Burlington and Camden)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

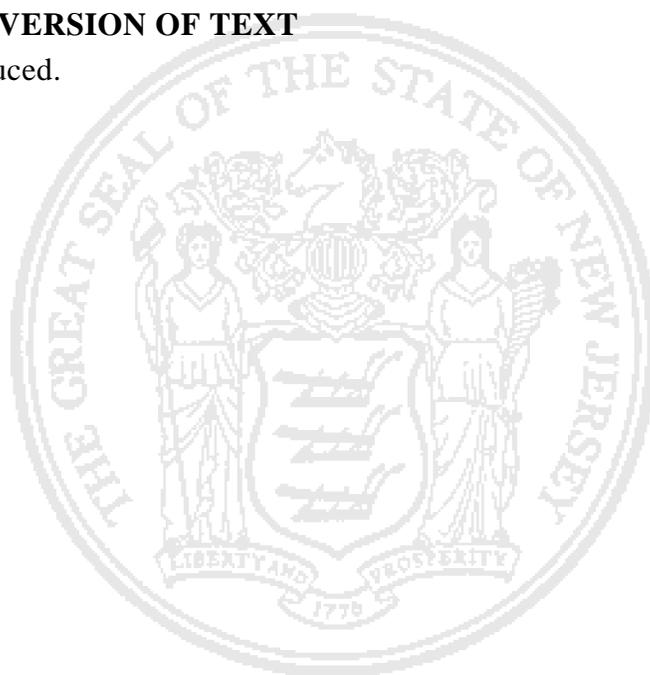
**Senators Inverso, Cafiero, Matheussen, Sinagra, Singer, Turner, Kosco,  
Assemblymen Blee, Gibson, Arnone, Azzolina and Corodemus**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines for placement of defibrillators in State buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/11/2001)

1 AN ACT concerning the placement of automated external defibrillators  
2 in State buildings and supplementing P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23  
3 et seq.).

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. As used in this act:

9 "Automated external defibrillator" means an automated external  
10 defibrillator as defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24).

11 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
12 Services.

13 "State building" means a building or portion of a building that is  
14 owned, leased or operated by a State agency.

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16 2. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall  
17 establish guidelines, which the commissioner shall recommend for  
18 adoption by all State agencies, with respect to the placement of  
19 automated external defibrillators in State buildings. The guidelines  
20 shall take into account the need to ensure compliance with the  
21 provisions of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.), for the purposes  
22 of ensuring immunity from civil liability pursuant thereto, regarding  
23 the training of users of automated external defibrillators, the  
24 maintenance and testing of these devices, coordination with emergency  
25 medical services providers, and the adoption of protocols to effectuate  
26 this compliance.

27 b. The commissioner shall issue the guidelines established pursuant  
28 to subsection a. of this section to all State agencies no later than the  
29 180th day after the effective date of this act.

30 c. For the purpose of establishing guidelines pursuant to subsection  
31 a. of this section, the commissioner shall consult, at a minimum, with:  
32 the New Jersey First Aid Council, Inc.; the American Heart  
33 Association; the Medical Society of New Jersey; the State Treasurer;  
34 the Commissioner of Personnel; the Attorney General; and  
35 representatives of organized labor.

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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46 survival rates for individuals who experience cardiac arrest while

1 working or conducting business in one of those buildings.

2 This bill is intended as a follow-up measure to the enactment of  
3 P.L.1999, c.34 (N.J.S.A.2A:62A-23 et seq.), which was designed to  
4 encourage greater acquisition, deployment and use of automated  
5 external defibrillators by trained users of these devices throughout this  
6 State by protecting these users and their employers from civil liability  
7 for any personal injury resulting from their use of the defibrillators.  
8 The guidelines to be recommended by the Commissioner of Health and  
9 Senior Services pursuant to this bill shall take into account the need to  
10 ensure compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.2A:62A-23 et seq.,  
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18 effective date. For the purpose of establishing the guidelines, the  
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20 Aid Council, Inc.; the American Heart Association; the Medical  
21 Society of New Jersey; the State Treasurer; the Commissioner of  
22 Personnel; the Attorney General; and representatives of organized  
23 labor.

24 The American Heart Association has estimated that almost 100,000  
25 deaths could be prevented each year if defibrillators were more widely  
26 available to designated responders. Automated external defibrillators  
27 have proven safe and effective, even when used by lay people, because  
28 this device is designed to prevent a user from administering an electric  
29 shock to a cardiac arrest victim until after the device has analyzed a  
30 victim's heart rhythm and determined that an electric shock is required.

31 This bill parallels provisions in federal legislation that was  
32 introduced in the 106th Congress (H.R. 2498 of 1999) to require the  
33 federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish guidelines  
34 with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in  
35 federal buildings.

# SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### SENATE, No. 1584

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 22, 2001

The Senate Health Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 1584.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines, which the commissioner shall recommend for adoption by all State agencies, with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings in order to improve survival rates for individuals who experience cardiac arrest while working or conducting business in one of those buildings.

This bill is intended as a follow-up measure to the enactment of P.L.1999, c.34 (N.J.S.A.2A:62A-23 et seq.), which was designed to encourage greater acquisition, deployment and use of automated external defibrillators by trained users of these devices throughout the State by protecting these users and their employers from civil liability for any personal injury resulting from their use of the defibrillators. The guidelines to be recommended by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services pursuant to this bill shall take into account the need to ensure compliance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.2A:62A-23 et seq., for the purposes of ensuring immunity from civil liability pursuant thereto, regarding the training of users of automated external defibrillators, the maintenance and testing of these devices, coordination with emergency medical services providers, and the adoption of protocols to effectuate this compliance.

The commissioner shall issue the guidelines established pursuant to this bill to all State agencies no later than the 180th day after its effective date. For the purpose of establishing the guidelines, the commissioner shall consult, at a minimum, with: the New Jersey First Aid Council, Inc.; the American Heart Association; the Medical Society of New Jersey; the State Treasurer; the Commissioner of Personnel; the Attorney General; and representatives of organized labor.

The American Heart Association has estimated that almost 100,000 deaths could be prevented each year if defibrillators were more widely available to designated responders. Automated external defibrillators have proven safe and effective, even when used by lay people, because this device is designed to prevent a user from administering an electric shock to a cardiac arrest victim until after the device has analyzed a victim's heart rhythm and determined that an electric shock is required.

This bill parallels provisions in recently enacted federal law, Pub.L.106-505, that requires the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish guidelines with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in federal buildings.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2873 (Blee/Gibson), which is on second reading in the General Assembly.

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 1584**

with Assembly Floor Amendments  
(Proposed By Assemblyman BLEE)

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 10, 2001

This amendment adds the American Red Cross to the list of entities and persons with which the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services is required to consult for the purpose of establishing guidelines for the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings.

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 1584**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

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**District 12 (Monmouth)**

**Senator DIANE ALLEN**

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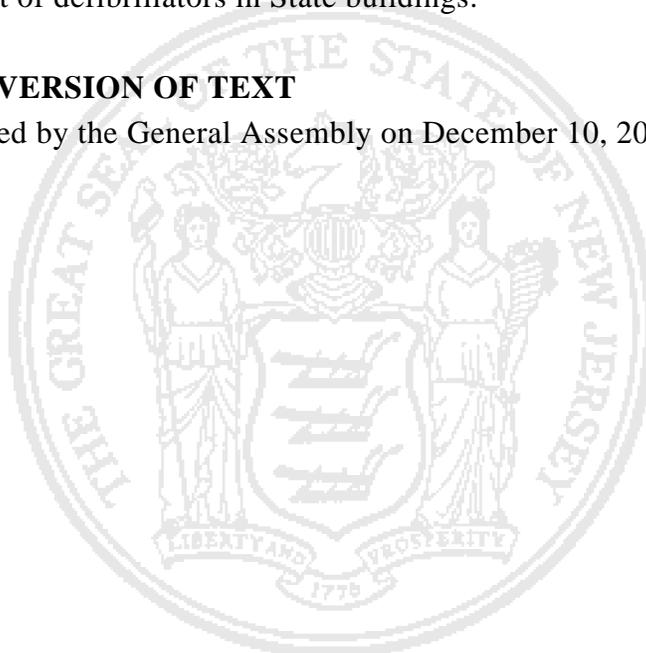
**Senators Inverso, Cafiero, Matheussen, Sinagra, Singer, Turner, Kosco,  
Assemblymen Blee, Gibson, Arnone, Azzolina and Corodemus**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines for placement of defibrillators in State buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As amended by the General Assembly on December 10, 2001.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/11/2001)**

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2 in State buildings and supplementing P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23  
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29 180th day after the effective date of this act.

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34 Jersey; the State Treasurer; the Commissioner of Personnel; the  
35 Attorney General; and representatives of organized labor.

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

**<sup>1</sup> Assembly floor amendments adopted December 10, 2001.**

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2873

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 12, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FRANCIS J. BLEE**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON**

**District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines for placement of defibrillators in State buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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35 federal buildings.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 2873**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2000

The Assembly Health Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2873.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines, which the commissioner shall recommend for adoption by all State agencies, with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings in order to improve survival rates for individuals who experience cardiac arrest while working or conducting business in one of those buildings.

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The committee amendment adds the American Red Cross to the list of entities and persons with which the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services is required to consult for the purpose of establishing the automated external defibrillator placement guidelines.

As reported by the committee, this bill is similar to Senate Bill No. 1584 (Bennett/Allen), which is currently pending in the Senate Health Committee.

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2873**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**209th LEGISLATURE**

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 12, 2000

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FRANCIS J. BLEE**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON**

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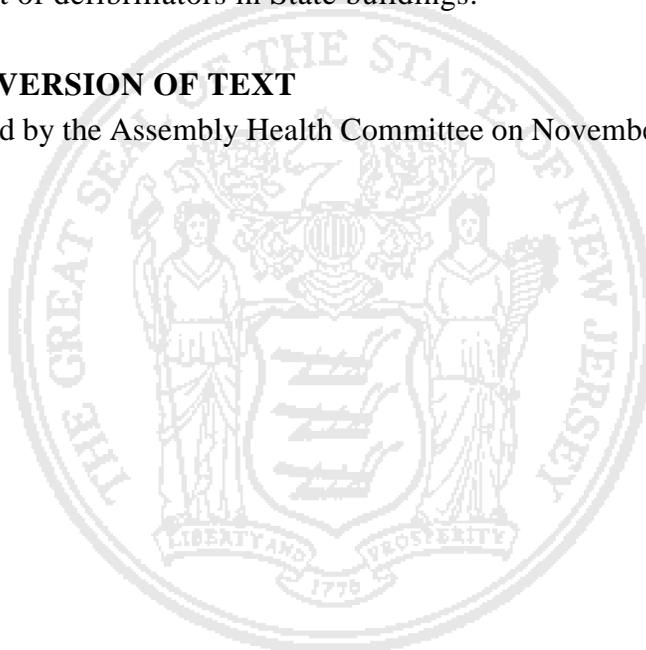
**Assemblymen Arnone, Azzolina and Corodemus**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish guidelines for placement of defibrillators in State buildings.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Health Committee on November 9, 2000, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/11/2001)**

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37 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHL committee amendments adopted November 9, 2000.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 375, *approved January 8, 2002*  
Senate, No. 1584 (*First Reprint*)

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3 Requires Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to establish  
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## CHAPTER 375

AN ACT concerning the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings and supplementing P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.).

**BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.2A:62A-28 Definitions relative to placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings.

1. As used in this act:

"Automated external defibrillator" means an automated external defibrillator as defined in section 2 of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-24).

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services.

"State building" means a building or portion of a building that is owned, leased or operated by a State agency.

C.2A:62A-29 Guidelines with respect to placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings.

2. a. The Commissioner of Health and Senior Services shall establish guidelines, which the commissioner shall recommend for adoption by all State agencies, with respect to the placement of automated external defibrillators in State buildings. The guidelines shall take into account the need to ensure compliance with the provisions of P.L.1999, c.34 (C.2A:62A-23 et seq.), for the purposes of ensuring immunity from civil liability pursuant thereto, regarding the training of users of automated external defibrillators, the maintenance and testing of these devices, coordination with emergency medical services providers, and the adoption of protocols to effectuate this compliance.

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3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 8, 2002.