

Massachusetts AED Law

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Massachusetts
Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1998

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND
AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of chapter 111C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "aid", in line 3, the following words:- , including, but not limited to, the use of any semi-automatic or automatic external defibrillator.

SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 12V, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

Section 12V. Any person who is trained according to the standards and guidelines of the American Heart Association or the American National Red Cross in cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of semi-automatic or automatic external defibrillators or any person who has successfully met the training requirements of a course in basic cardiac life support, conducted according to the standards established by the American Heart Association, who in good faith and without compensation renders emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation or defibrillation in accordance with his training, other than in the course of his regular professional or business activity, to any person who apparently requires cardiopulmonary resuscitation or defibrillation, shall not be liable for acts or omissions, other than gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, resulting from the rendering of such emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation or defibrillation.

Approved May 28, 1998.