

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 3.150 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 50/3.150)

7 Sec. 3.150. Immunity from civil liability.

8 (a) Any person, agency or governmental body certified,  
9 licensed or authorized pursuant to this Act or rules  
10 thereunder, who in good faith provides emergency or  
11 non-emergency medical services during a Department approved  
12 training course, in the normal course of conducting their  
13 duties, or in an emergency, shall not be civilly liable as a  
14 result of their acts or omissions in providing such services  
15 unless such acts or omissions, including the bypassing of  
16 nearby hospitals or medical facilities in accordance with the  
17 protocols developed pursuant to this Act, constitute willful  
18 and wanton misconduct.

19 (b) No person, including any private or governmental  
20 organization or institution that administers, sponsors,  
21 authorizes, supports, finances, educates or supervises the  
22 functions of emergency medical services personnel certified,  
23 licensed or authorized pursuant to this Act, including persons

1 participating in a Department approved training program, shall  
2 be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission in  
3 connection with administration, sponsorship, authorization,  
4 support, finance, education or supervision of such emergency  
5 medical services personnel, where the act or omission occurs in  
6 connection with activities within the scope of this Act, unless  
7 the act or omission was the result of willful and wanton  
8 misconduct.

9 (c) Exemption from civil liability for emergency care is as  
10 provided in the Good Samaritan Act.

11 (d) No local agency, entity of State or local government,  
12 or other public or private organization, nor any officer,  
13 director, trustee, employee, consultant or agent of any such  
14 entity, which sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or  
15 supervises the training of persons in the use of a basic  
16 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external  
17 defibrillators, or first aid in a course which complies with  
18 generally recognized standards, shall be liable for damages in  
19 any civil action based on the training of such persons unless  
20 an act or omission during the course of instruction constitutes  
21 willful and wanton misconduct.

22 (e) No person who is certified to teach the use of basic  
23 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated external  
24 defibrillators, or first aid and who teaches a course of  
25 instruction which complies with generally recognized standards  
26 for the use of basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation, automated

1 external defibrillators, or first aid shall be liable for  
2 damages in any civil action based on the acts or omissions of a  
3 person who received such instruction, unless an act or omission  
4 during the course of such instruction constitutes willful and  
5 wanton misconduct.

6 (f) No member or alternate of the State Emergency Medical  
7 Services Disciplinary Review Board or a local System review  
8 board who in good faith exercises his responsibilities under  
9 this Act shall be liable for damages in any civil action based  
10 on such activities unless an act or omission during the course  
11 of such activities constitutes willful and wanton misconduct.

12 (g) No EMS Medical Director who in good faith exercises his  
13 responsibilities under this Act shall be liable for damages in  
14 any civil action based on such activities unless an act or  
15 omission during the course of such activities constitutes  
16 willful and wanton misconduct.

17 (h) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to create a  
18 cause of action or any civil liabilities.

19 (Source: P.A. 89-177, eff. 7-19-95; 89-607, eff. 1-1-97.)

20 Section 10. The Automated External Defibrillator Act is  
21 amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

22 (410 ILCS 4/20)

23 Sec. 20. Maintenance; oversight.

24 (a) A person acquiring an automated external defibrillator

1 shall take reasonable measures to ensure that:

2 (1) (blank) ~~the automated external defibrillator is~~  
3 ~~used only by trained AED users;~~

4 (2) the automated external defibrillator is maintained  
5 and tested according to the manufacturer's guidelines;

6 (3) any person considered to be an anticipated rescuer  
7 or user will have successfully completed a course of  
8 instruction in accordance with the standards of a  
9 nationally recognized organization, such as the American  
10 Red Cross or the American Heart Association, or a course of  
11 instruction in accordance with existing rules under this  
12 Act to use an automated external defibrillator and to  
13 perform cardiovascular resuscitation (CPR); ~~the automated~~  
14 ~~external defibrillator is registered with the EMS system~~  
15 ~~hospital in the vicinity of where the automated external~~  
16 ~~defibrillator will primarily be located which shall~~  
17 ~~oversee utilization of the automated external~~  
18 ~~defibrillator and ensure that training and maintenance~~  
19 ~~requirements are met;~~ and

20 (4) any person who renders out-of-hospital emergency  
21 care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using an  
22 automated external defibrillator activates the EMS system  
23 as soon as possible and reports any clinical use of the  
24 automated external defibrillator.

25 (b) A person in possession of an automated external  
26 defibrillator shall notify an agent of the local emergency

1 communications or vehicle dispatch center of the existence,  
2 location, and type of the automated external defibrillator.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-524, eff. 1-1-00.)

4 Section 15. The Good Samaritan Act is amended by changing  
5 Section 12 and by adding Section 68 as follows:

6 (745 ILCS 49/12)

7 Sec. 12. Use of an automated ~~automatic~~ external  
8 defibrillator; exemption from civil liability for emergency  
9 care. As provided in Section 30 of the Automated External  
10 Defibrillator Act, any automated external defibrillator user  
11 who ~~Any person who has successfully completed the training~~  
12 ~~requirements of a course in basic emergency care of a person in~~  
13 ~~cardiac arrest that:~~

14 ~~(i) included training in the operation and use of an~~  
15 ~~automatic external defibrillator; and~~

16 ~~(ii) was conducted in accordance with the standards of~~  
17 ~~the American Heart Association,~~

18 ~~and who,~~ in good faith and without fee or compensation, ~~not for~~  
19 ~~compensation,~~ renders emergency medical care involving the use  
20 of an automated ~~automatic~~ external defibrillator in accordance  
21 with his or her training is not liable for any civil damages as  
22 a result of any act or omission, except for willful and wanton  
23 misconduct, by that person in rendering that care.

24 (Source: P.A. 90-746, eff. 8-14-98.)

1 (745 ILCS 49/68 new)

2 Sec. 68. Disaster Relief Volunteers. Any firefighter,  
3 licensed emergency medical technician (EMT) as defined by  
4 Section 3.50 of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems  
5 Act, physician, dentist, podiatrist, optometrist, pharmacist,  
6 advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or nurse who in  
7 good faith and without fee or compensation provides health care  
8 services as a disaster relief volunteer shall not, as a result  
9 of his or her acts or omissions, except willful and wanton  
10 misconduct on the part of the person, in providing health care  
11 services, be liable to a person to whom the health care  
12 services are provided for civil damages. This immunity applies  
13 to health care services that are provided without fee or  
14 compensation during or within 10 days following the end of a  
15 disaster or catastrophic event.

16 The immunity provided in this Section only applies to a  
17 disaster relief volunteer who provides health care services in  
18 relief of an earthquake, hurricane, tornado, nuclear attack,  
19 terrorist attack, epidemic, or pandemic without fee or  
20 compensation for providing the volunteer health care services.

21 The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any  
22 health care facility as defined in Section 8-2001 of the Code  
23 of Civil Procedure or to any practitioner, who is not a  
24 disaster relief volunteer, providing health care services in a  
25 hospital or health care facility.

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.