

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AMENDMENTS

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**This act modifies the Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act. The act establishes a statewide database for the collection and distribution of information regarding the location of commercially owned fully automated external defibrillators. The act authorizes the Department of Health to work with community agencies to promote education and instruction on the use of fully automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.**

This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:

ENACTS:

**26-8a-209**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-8a-209** is enacted to read:

**26-8a-209. Fully automated external defibrillator statewide database.**

(1) The department shall work in cooperation with state, federal, and local agencies to encourage individuals to complete a course that includes instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the operation and use of a fully automated external defibrillator that is conducted in accordance with guidelines of the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, or other nationally recognized program by a person qualified by training or experience.

(2) The department shall establish and maintain a statewide database containing the following information:

(a) the name of the owner of a fully automated external defibrillator; and

(b) the precise location of the fully automated external defibrillator, including the address and the place in which the defibrillator is stored.

(3) (a) The department shall give the information from the database to emergency medical service dispatch centers in the state.

(b) Emergency medical dispatch centers in the state may disclose the nearest location of a fully automated external defibrillator to a person calling the dispatch center in the event of a medical emergency and to first responders in an emergency.

(4) (a) Manufacturers selling fully automated external defibrillators in the state shall:

(i) inform commercial purchasers in writing of the requirement to register the ownership and location of the fully automated external defibrillator with the department;

(ii) provide to the purchaser of a fully automated external defibrillator all information governing the use, installation, operation, training, and maintenance of the fully automated external defibrillator; and

(iii) on a quarterly basis, notify the department of the name and address of a commercial purchaser of a fully automated external defibrillator and the type of device purchased.

(b) (i) A commercial owner of a fully automated external defibrillator shall register the ownership and precise location of the defibrillator with the department within 30 days of acquisition of the defibrillator.

(ii) An owner of a fully automated external defibrillator purchased for use in a private residence may register the ownership and precise location of the defibrillator with the department.

(c) The department may not impose penalties on a manufacturer or an owner of a fully automated external defibrillator for failing to comply with the requirements of this section.