

HOUSE No. 5505

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 27, 1992.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to regulating early cardiac defibrillation (House, No. 5448), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5505).

For the committee,

JOHN F. COX.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT REGULATING EARLY CARDIAC DEFIBRILLATION.

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

1 Section 201 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as amended
2 by section 68 of chapter 412 of the acts of 1991, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Members of police and fire departments, members of the state
6 police participating in highway patrol, persons appointed
7 permanent or temporary lifeguards by the commonwealth or any
8 of its political subdivisions, and members of emergency reserve
9 units of a volunteer fire department or fire protection district shall
10 be trained to administer first aid, including, but not limited to,
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by July first, nineteen hundred and
12 seventy-eight, including those appointed on or after January first,
13 nineteen hundred and seventy-six and may be trained in automatic
14 or semi-automatic cardiac defibrillation. The training shall meet
15 the standards for first aid training prescribed by the department
16 and shall not be less than the standards established by the
17 Committee on Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency
18 Cardiac Care of the American Heart Association, and shall be
19 satisfactorily completed by them as soon as practical, but in no
20 event more than one year after the date of their employment.
21 Satisfactory completion of a refresher course approved by the
22 department in cardiopulmonary resuscitation each year and in
23 other first aid every three years shall also be required. The training
24 and equipment for automatic or semi-automatic cardiac
25 defibrillation shall meet standards prescribed by the department.