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A bill for an act

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relating to transportation; authorizing roadside signage for outdoor automatic

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external defibrillators for qualifying locations; proposing coding for new law in

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Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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Section 1. [160.802] AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR WAYFINDING

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SIGNS.

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(a) For purposes of this section, "public access automatic external defibrillator" has the

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meaning given in section 403.51, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

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(b) A location or business with an outdoor public access automatic external defibrillator

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may request that a relevant city, county, town, state, or federal road authority place

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appropriate directional signage on a roadway under the road authority's jurisdiction that

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identifies the location of the device for public use. To the extent practicable, directional

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signage indicating the location of the defibrillator must be placed between 200 and 300 feet

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prior to an intersection or between 800 and 1,600 feet prior to an interchange. The signage

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must promote the availability of an automatic external defibrillator by either symbol, text,

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or both.

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(c) To qualify as a participant and request directional signage under this section, locations

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or businesses with an outdoor public access automatic external defibrillator must:

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(1) follow all registration, notice, and inspection requirements provided in section 403.51;

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(2) place the device in a recognizable and easily accessible location; and

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(3) identify the device with conspicuous and visible signage on the premises.

(d) Within 180 days, or to the extent practicable within 60 days, of receiving a request from a qualified participant, the relevant road authority must determine a suitable location and appropriate number of signs under the requirements of this section to clearly identify the location and place appropriate signage at the location of the qualifying business or location. All costs associated with installation, maintenance, and removal of signage must be paid by qualified participants to the relevant road authority. If a registered outdoor public access automatic external defibrillator is removed or no longer operational, the participant must inform the relevant road authority immediately to remove the signs as soon as practicable.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS; MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.

(a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.06, subdivision 2, by September 1, 2025, the commissioner of transportation must develop appropriate text and signage for locations with outdoor public access automatic external defibrillators as a general service sign that meet the criteria of Minnesota Statutes, section 160.802. The commissioner may make any necessary revisions and additions to chapter 2I of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Control Devices. The commissioner must design the sign to incorporate the universal symbol for an automatic external defibrillator and consult with interested stakeholders to ensure best practices for the sign's placement, ensure reliable and easy access by the public in the case of an emergency, and minimize sign clutter and confusion. The commissioner must maintain publicly available information about outdoor public access external defibrillator signage and best practices on the department's website, including qualifications for a sign under Minnesota Statutes, section 160.802; appropriate wayfinding techniques; device registry information; and guidance for local road authorities on appropriate sign placement and context.

(b) This section expires upon adoption of relevant additions and revisions to the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that pertain to general service signs. The commissioner must notify the revisor of statutes, whether electronically or in writing, of the expiration.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.