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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing roadside signage for automatic external  
1.3 defibrillators for qualifying locations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes, chapter 160.

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

1.6 Section 1. [160.802] AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR WAYFINDING  
1.7 SIGNS.

1.8 (a) A location or business with a registered outdoor public access automatic external  
1.9 defibrillator under section 403.51 may request that a relevant city, county, town, state, or  
1.10 federal road authority place appropriate directional signage on a roadway under the road  
1.11 authority's jurisdiction that identifies the location of the device for public use. To the extent  
1.12 practicable, directional signage indicating the location of the defibrillator must be placed  
1.13 between 200 and 300 feet prior to an intersection or between 800 and 1,600 feet prior to an  
1.14 interchange. The signage must promote the availability of an automatic external defibrillator  
1.15 by either symbol, text, or both. Locations or businesses with outdoor public access automatic  
1.16 external defibrillators must meet registration and inspection requirements provided in section  
1.17 403.51.

1.18 (b) Within 60 days of receiving a request from the location or business, the relevant road  
1.19 authority must place appropriate signage for qualified participants. All costs associated with  
1.20 installation, maintenance, and removal of signage must be paid by qualified participants. If  
1.21 a registered outdoor public access automatic external defibrillator is removed or no longer  
1.22 operational, the participant must inform the relevant road authority immediately to remove  
1.23 the signs as soon as practicable.

2.1 (c) Locations or businesses with outdoor public access automatic external defibrillators  
2.2 must place the devices in a recognizable and easily accessible location with conspicuous  
2.3 and visible signage identifying the devices on the premises.

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

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

2.7 (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.06, subdivision  
2.8 2, by September 1, 2025, the commissioner of transportation must develop appropriate text  
2.9 and signage for locations with outdoor public access automatic external defibrillators as a  
2.10 general service sign that meet the criteria of Minnesota Statutes, section 160.802. The  
2.11 commissioner may make any necessary revisions and additions to chapter 2I of the Minnesota  
2.12 Manual on Uniform Control Devices. The commissioner must design the sign to incorporate  
2.13 the universal symbol for an automatic external defibrillator and consult with interested  
2.14 stakeholders to ensure best practices for the sign's placement, ensure reliable and easy access  
2.15 by the public in the case of an emergency, and minimize sign clutter and confusion.

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

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