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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 1290

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
- 03/10/2025 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations
- 03/26/2025 Adoption of Report: Re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 04/10/2025 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register  
Read for the Second Time
- 05/01/2025 Calendar for the Day  
Read for the Third Time  
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

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) For purposes of this section, "public access automatic external defibrillator" and

1.9 "public access AED" have the meaning given in section 403.51, subdivision 1, paragraph

1.10 (e).

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

1.12 may request that a relevant road authority place appropriate directional signage on a road

1.13 under the road authority's jurisdiction that clearly identifies the location of the automatic

1.14 external defibrillator available for public use. The signage must promote the availability of

1.15 a public access AED by either symbol, text, or both.

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

1.17 property owner, business, or entity with an outdoor public access AED must:

- 1.18 (1) meet all registration, notice, and inspection requirements provided in section 403.51;
- 1.19 (2) place the device in a recognizable and easily accessible location; and
- 1.20 (3) identify the device with conspicuous and visible signage on the premises.

1.21 (d) Within 180 days, and to the extent practicable within 60 days, of receiving a request

1.22 from a qualified participant under paragraph (c), the relevant road authority must determine

2.1 a suitable location and appropriate number of signs and must place directional signage as  
2.2 provided under this section. To the extent practicable, directional signage indicating the  
2.3 location of the public access AED must be placed between 200 and 300 feet prior to an  
2.4 intersection or between 800 and 1,600 feet prior to an interchange. All costs associated with  
2.5 installation, maintenance, and removal of signage must be paid by a qualified participant  
2.6 to the relevant road authority.

2.7 (e) If a registered outdoor public access AED is removed or no longer operational, the  
2.8 qualified participant must inform the relevant road authority immediately to remove the  
2.9 directional signage as soon as practicable.

2.10 (f) The commissioner must maintain information on the department's website about  
2.11 outdoor public access AED directional signage and best practices, including but not limited  
2.12 to qualifications for a sign under this section; appropriate wayfinding techniques; device  
2.13 registry information; and guidance for local road authorities on appropriate sign placement  
2.14 and context.

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

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

2.18 (a) For purposes of this section, "public access automatic external defibrillator" has the  
2.19 meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 403.51, subdivision 1, paragraph (e).

2.20 (b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.06, subdivision  
2.21 2, by September 1, 2025, the commissioner of transportation must develop appropriate text  
2.22 and directional signage for locations with outdoor public access automatic external  
2.23 defibrillators as a general service sign that meet the criteria of Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.24 160.802. The commissioner may make any necessary revisions and additions to chapter 2I  
2.25 of the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The commissioner must  
2.26 design the sign to incorporate the universal symbol for an automatic external defibrillator  
2.27 and consult with interested stakeholders to ensure best practices for the sign's placement,  
2.28 ensure reliable and easy access by the public in the case of an emergency, and minimize  
2.29 sign clutter and confusion.

2.30 (c) The requirements under paragraph (b) expire upon adoption of relevant additions  
2.31 and revisions to the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that pertain to  
2.32 general service signs. The commissioner must notify the revisor of statutes, whether  
2.33 electronically or in writing, of the expiration.

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