

STATE OF CONNECTICUT	3
Substitute Bill No. 318	4
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LCO No.	5
General Assembly	6
February Session, A.D., 1998	7
AN ACT CONCERNING GOOD SAMARITAN IMMUNITY FOR AUTOMATIC	9
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR USE BY A PERSON WITH PROPER TRAINING.	10
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in	12
General Assembly convened:	13
Subsection (a) of section 52-557b of the general statutes is	14
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:	15
(a) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery under	16
the provisions of chapter 370 or dentistry under the provisions	17
of section 20-106 or members of the same professions licensed to	18
practice in any other state of the United States, a person	19
licensed as a registered nurse under section 20-93 or 20-94 or	20
certified as a licensed practical nurse under section 20-96 or	21
20-97, AS AMENDED, a medical technician or any person operating a	22
cardiopulmonary resuscitator or a person trained in	23
cardiopulmonary resuscitation OR IN THE USE OF AN AUTOMATIC	24
EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR in accordance with the standards set forth	25
by the American Red Cross or American Heart Association, who,	26
voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the ordinary	27
course of his employment or practice, renders emergency medical	28
or professional assistance to a person in need thereof, shall not	29
be liable to such person assisted for civil damages for any	30
personal injuries which result from acts or omissions by such	31
person in rendering the emergency care, which may constitute	32
ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection	33
does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, wilful or	34
wanton negligence. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION,	35
"AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR" MEANS A DEVICE THAT: (1) IS	36

USED TO ADMINISTER AN ELECTRIC SHOCK THROUGH THE CHEST WALL TO 37
THE HEART; (2) CONTAINS INTERNAL DECISION-MAKING ELECTRONICS, 38
MICROCOMPUTERS OR SPECIAL SOFTWARE THAT ALLOWS IT TO INTERPRET 39
PHYSIOLOGIC SIGNALS, MAKE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND, IF NECESSARY, 40
APPLY THERAPY; (3) GUIDES THE USER THROUGH THE PROCESS OF USING 41
THE DEVICE BY AUDIBLE OR VISUAL PROMPTS; AND (4) DOES NOT REQUIRE 42
THE USER TO EMPLOY ANY DISCRETION OR JUDGMENT IN ITS USE. 43

PH COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 22 NAY 0 JFS C/R JUD 45

JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 39 NAY 0 JF 46