

# HOUSE BILL 1206

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Automatic External Defibrillator, First Aid, and CPR – Requirements**  
3 **for Entertainment Venues**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing requirements regarding the availability of automated  
5 external defibrillators and the presence of employees who are certified in first aid  
6 and cardiopulmonary resuscitation at entertainment venues; providing immunity  
7 from civil liability for employees of entertainment venues regarding the presence and  
8 use of or failure to use an automated external defibrillator; and generally relating to  
9 entertainment venues and emergency services.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 24–201

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **24–201.**

19 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
20 **INDICATED.**

21 **(2) “AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR” HAS THE MEANING**  
22 **STATED IN § 13–517 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(3) “ENTERTAINMENT VENUE” MEANS A FACILITY THAT IS USED AS A**  
2 **CINEMA, A THEATER, AN AMPHITHEATER, A CONCERT HALL, OR A SPORTS STADIUM.**

3           **(B) (1) EACH ENTERTAINMENT VENUE SHALL:**

4                   **(I) OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE TO OPERATE AND MAKE AVAILABLE**  
5 **AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 13–517 OF THE**  
6 **EDUCATION ARTICLE; AND**

7                   **(II) HAVE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**  
8 **AVAILABLE FOR USE ON THE PREMISES OF THE ENTERTAINMENT VENUE.**

9           **(2) EACH ENTERTAINMENT VENUE SHALL COMPLY WITH THE**  
10 **CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 13–517 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE AND**  
11 **ESTABLISHED BY THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD.**

12           **(C) WHEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS, EACH ENTERTAINMENT VENUE SHALL**  
13 **HAVE ON THE PREMISES AN EMPLOYEE WHO, THROUGH TRAINING WITH THE**  
14 **AMERICAN RED CROSS OR A PROGRAM WITH EQUIVALENT STANDARDS, IS**  
15 **CERTIFIED IN FIRST AID AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION.**

16           **(D) AN EMPLOYEE OF AN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE MAY NOT BE HELD**  
17 **CIVILLY LIABLE FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION REGARDING THE PRESENCE OR USE OF**  
18 **OR FAILURE TO USE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR.**

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 October 1, 2023.