



Legislative Endorsement

Bill No. and Title: Bill S421 An Act to Ensure Resident Safety Within Assisted Living Facilities

Sponsor(s) and Committee: Sen. Montigny, Elder Affairs

Legislative History: Hearing: June 14th, 2021

Legislation Text: SECTION 1. Chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 18 the following section:-

Section 19. (a) Each assisted living residence shall ensure twenty-four hour per day coverage of at least one on-site AED provider, as defined by section 12V½ of chapter 112. Each assisted living residence shall ensure that at least one automated external defibrillator is readily available on site. The department shall not issue certification to any assisted living residence in violation of this section.

(b) Each assisted living residence shall not prohibit a staff person trained in the proper administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use of an automated external defibrillator, in accordance with the definition of “AED provider” in section 12V½ of chapter 112, from administering such emergency assistance to a resident who does not have a documented or clearly visible do not resuscitate order. An assisted living residence may require documentation of proper training from such staff person before such person is permitted to render emergency care in the facility. An assisted living residence may prohibit a staff person not adequately trained in the proper administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or use of an automated external defibrillator from administering such emergency assistance to a resident. Such facility shall not retaliate against any trained staff person for rendering emergency assistance, including but not limited to, threatened suspension, demotion or loss of employment.

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