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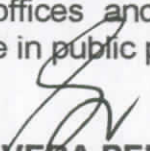
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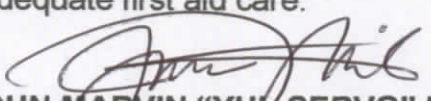
#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Fifteenth Congress, the late Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago (Sen. Santiago) introduced two bills the purpose of which is to provide adequate first aid care to victims of heart attacks, and to train children to administer automated external defibrillators (AED) to increase survival rate to victims of heart attack. These bills are: 1) Senate Bill No. 1752 entitled "An Act Requiring the Placement of Defibrillators in Public Use Airports" or "Defibrillators in Airports Act"; and 2) Senate Bill No. 1893 entitled "An Act Directing the Secretary of Education to Establish a Program to Provide Grants for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Training in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools" or "Training Children to Save Lives Act".

As defined in the late Sen. Santiago's bills, "[a] defibrillator is a device used in the treatment of life-threatening disturbance of the rhythm of the heart beat which may occur as the result of a heart attack or a variety of serious injuries or illnesses. Its effect is to rest the electrical activity of the heart in the hope that the natural pacemaker cells can then regain control of the rhythm." The 2012 data from the National Statistics Office (NSO) states that five (5) out of ten (10) deaths in the Philippines are due to cardiovascular causes.<sup>1</sup> The ratio of death can be reduced and increased to a ninety (90%) percent chance of survival through the use of both cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and AED.

While Sen. Santiago's bills requires the use of AED by public use airports and establishment of a training program for the use thereof in public elementary and secondary schools, this bill seeks to broaden the coverage of said bills to include not only public use airports but public establishments where a considerable number of the population may be gathered such as malls, hotels, and public offices and establishments. This bill will ensure victims of heart attacks, while in public places, will be given adequate first aid care.

  
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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.philstar.com/breaking-news/2012/07/09/826043/5-out-10-filipinos-die-heart-disease-nso>.



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**AN ACT**  
**REQUIRING THE PLACEMENT OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC PLACES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1. Short Title.** – This Act shall be referred to as the "Defibrillators in  
2 Public Places Act."  
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5 **SECTION 2. Definition of Terms.** – As used in this Act, the following terms shall  
6 mean:  
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8 (a) "Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device" refers to an electrical  
9 device used to counteract fibrillation of the heart muscle and restore  
10 normal heartbeat by applying a brief electric shock;  
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12 (b) "Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) device" refers to (a) which are  
13 placed in government buildings, private places, and other private  
14 places as defined in this section;  
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16 (c) "Government buildings" includes a building or portion of a building  
17 leased or rented by the Republic of the Philippines and local  
18 government units, and includes buildings on military installations of the  
19 Philippines;  
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21 (d) "Private places" or privately-owned establishments such as resorts,  
22 hotels, casinos, malls, condominiums, and sport venues; and  
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24 (e) "Other private places" with expected increased volume of people such  
25 as schools, public or wet markets, and churches or places of worship.  
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27 **SECTION 3. Guidelines on Placement.** – The following requirements shall be  
28 followed in all public places:  
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30 (a) Each government building shall supply and maintain an AED device as  
31 defined in this Act, on-site in each establishment open to the public.



1 The AED device shall be maintained in an accessible location within  
2 the building and shall be made available;  
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4 Immediately upon the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Health shall submit  
5 to the Department of Budget and Management the plantilla of positions for  
6 physicians, dentists, nurses, midwives, x-ray technicians, medical technologists,  
7 nutritionists and aides which have not been filled up for the last three (3) years of  
8 more, including the estimated hardship allowances for each vacant position  
9 which the Secretary may grant taking into consideration the guidelines provided  
10 in Section 2 hereof.  
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12 (b) The PAD should come with visible signage and maintained in an  
13 accessible location within the government building, private places, or  
14 other private places;  
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16 (c) The Secretary of Health shall establish guidelines with respect to  
17 placing automated external defibrillator devices in government  
18 buildings. Such guidelines shall take into account the extent to which  
19 such devices may be used by lay persons, the typical number of  
20 employees and visitors in the buildings, the extent of the need for  
21 security measures regarding the buildings, buildings or portions of  
22 buildings in which there are special circumstances such as high  
23 electrical voltage or extreme heat or cold, and such other factors as the  
24 Secretary determines to be appropriate.  
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26 (d) The Secretary shall publish the implementing rule and regulation (IRR)  
27 on the appropriate implementation of the placement of AED devices  
28 under subsection (b), including procedures for the following:  
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- 30 i. Implementing appropriate training courses in the use of such  
31 devices, including the role of cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- 32 ii. Proper maintenance and testing of the devices; and
- 33 iii. Ensuring coordination with appropriate licensed professionals in  
34 the oversight of training of the devices.  
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37 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** – The amount necessary to implement the  
38 provisions of this Act is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National  
39 Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That the corresponding amount  
40 needed to implement this Act in subsequent years shall be included in the annual  
41 General Appropriations Act for the Department of Health.  
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44 **SECTION 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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47 *Approved,*