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H.B. No. 392

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability and use of automated external  
defibrillators in nursing homes and related institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 242, Health and Safety  
Code, is amended by adding Section 242.159 to read as follows:

Sec. 242.159. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS. (a) An  
institution shall have available for use at the institution an  
automated external defibrillator, as defined by Section 779.001,  
and shall comply with the training, use, and notification  
requirements of Chapter 779.

(b) An institution may not use an automated external  
defibrillator to treat a resident of the institution who has issued  
or executed an out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate order under  
Subchapter C, Chapter 166.

(c) Each institution shall at all times have at least one  
employee present at the institution who is trained in the proper use  
of an automated external defibrillator.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.