

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 476**

Short Title: Funds to Expand Defib. Pilot/Study. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Purcell; Albertson, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Dannelly, Dorsett, Foriest, Hartsell, and Malone.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 5, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO EXTEND THE PILOT PROGRAM TO  
3 PURCHASE AND PLACE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN  
4 CERTAIN PUBLIC PLACES, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO STUDY OPTIMAL PLACEMENT OF  
6 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

7       Whereas, sudden cardiac arrest kills approximately six hundred thousand  
8 individuals every year in the United States; and

9       Whereas, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) offer the opportunity for  
10 lifesaving therapy to be given to individuals suffering cardiac arrest; and

11       Whereas, response time is critical, 10 minutes or less, when someone is in  
12 cardiac arrest, thereby making it imperative that AEDs be placed in high pedestrian  
13 traffic areas where they are easily accessible; Now, therefore,

14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
16 of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of thirty-four  
17 thousand dollars (\$34,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of twelve  
18 thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for the purpose of continuing  
19 and expanding the automated external defibrillator pilot program established in Section  
20 10.59 of S.L. 2005-276. These funds shall be used to expand the pilot to twelve  
21 additional public buildings or places where public usage is 100,000 or more visitors per  
22 year and the building or place does not currently have an operational AED in place. In  
23 selecting sites, the Department shall ensure geographic representation of the State. The  
24 Department shall report on the implementation of this section to the House of  
25 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the  
26 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal  
27 Research Division on or before March 1, 2008.

1           **SECTION 2.** The Department shall study locations and incidence of cardiac  
2 arrest throughout the State and identify those areas or activities where the public may be  
3 at an increased risk of suffering sudden cardiac death to determine optimal placement of  
4 automated external defibrillators. The Department shall report its findings and  
5 recommendations to the General Assembly on or before March 1, 2008.

6           **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.