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Rep. LaLonde of South Burlington, for the Committee on Judiciary, recommends the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 907 is amended to read:

§ 907. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Automated external defibrillator (AED)” means a medical device approved by the United States U.S. Food and Drug Administration, that:

(A) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia;

(B) is capable of determining whether defibrillation should be performed on an individual;

(C) upon determination that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual’s heart; and

(D) then, upon action by an operator, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to the patient’s heart to perform defibrillation.

(b) [Deleted].

(c) Any person who owns or leases an AED, or to whom an AED is donated, shall:

(1) notify the department and the person’s regional ambulance service or first responder service of the existence, location, and type of device the person possesses; and

(2) maintain and test the device in accordance with the applicable standards of the manufacturer.
(d)(1) Any person, other than a person defined as a health care provider by subdivision 9432(9) of this title or as emergency medical personnel by 24 V.S.A. § 2651(6) acting in the normal course of his or her duties as a health care provider or as emergency medical personnel, who acts in good faith and who renders emergency care by the use of an AED, acquires an AED, owns a premises on which an AED is located, or provides a training course in the operation of an AED shall not be liable for civil damages for that person’s acts or omissions with respect to such use, ownership, or training in the operation of an AED unless those acts or omissions were grossly negligent or willful and wanton. As used in this subdivision (d)(1), “ownership” shall not include the maintenance and testing of the device in accordance with the applicable standards of the manufacturer as required by subdivision (c)(2) of this section.

(2) This subsection shall not relieve an AED manufacturer, designer, developer, distributor, installer, or supplier seller of any liability under any applicable statute or rule of law.

(e) This section shall not be construed to create a duty to act under 12 V.S.A. § 519 for any person.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

For Informational Purposes

Thursday, February 16, 2017 10:30 A.M. – House Chamber - Election of a Sergeant at Arms, of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of three (3) trustees for the University of Vermont, and Vermont and State Agricultural College.

Candidates for the positions of Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, and legislative candidates for UVM trustees must notify the Secretary of State in writing of their candidacies not later than , by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.
PUBLIC HEARING
Joint Community-Based Public Hearings on Fiscal Year 2018 State budget
House and Senate Committees on Appropriations

Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. – The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations are seeking public input on the FY2018 proposed State budget and will hold joint public hearings Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 6 locations across the State.

Bellows Falls: Windham Antique Center, 5 The Square.
Johnson: Johnson State College, Bentley 207.
Rutland City: Rutland Public Schools, Longfellow School Building.
St. Albans City: St. Albans City Elementary School, Library.
St. Johnsbury: The St. Johnsbury School, Cafeteria.
Winooski: Community College of Vermont, Janice Couture Room (108).

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor’s FY 2018 State budget proposal at that time. Anyone interested in testifying should come to one of the hearings. Time limits on testimony may apply depending on volume of participants.

For more information about the format of these events, or to submit written testimony, e-mail Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or Rebecca Buck at rbuck@leg.state.vt.us, or call 802-828-5767 or 802-828-2295. Requests for interpreters should be made to the office by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 2017.

PUBLIC HEARING
Public Hearings on Fiscal Year 2018 State Budget
House Committees on Appropriations

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. – The Vermont House Committee on Appropriations is seeking public input on the FY2018 proposed State budget and will hold an additional public hearing on Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in room 11 of the State House.

The Committee will take testimony on the Governor’s FY 2018 State budget proposal at that time. Anyone interested in testifying should come to the hearing. Time limits on testimony will likely apply depending on volume of participants.

For more information about the format of these events, or to submit written testimony, e-mail Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or call 802-828-5767 or toll-free 1-800-322-5616.
Public Hearing on Raising the Minimum Wage

The House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs will hold a hearing to take public comment on Thursday, February 9, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the House Chamber of the State House in Montpelier, VT.

*Please note that there will be a time-limit to testify.* Additionally, comments may also be submitted in writing at the hearing. For those unable to participate in the hearing, written comments may be submitted to Ron Wild, Committee Assistant, House Committee on General, Housing, and Military Affairs, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620 via postal service, or via e-mail at rwild@leg.state.vt.us.

Additionally, for the health and consideration of members of the committee and others, please use unscented body and cosmetic products and refrain from using perfume, or cologne.

**Information Notice**

**Ethics Training for the House of Representatives**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8th**, the House will hold an ethics training from 9:00-10:00 AM in the House chamber. Mark Quiner from NCSL will be returning to do this training, like he did last biennium.

Please let Rep. Deen or Betsy Ann Wrask know if you have any questions.