

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 534\***

Short Title: Funds for Defibrillators/Public Buildings. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Weiss, Wright, Earle (Primary Sponsors); Adams, B. Allen, Carney, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Glazier, Insko, McLawhorn, Underhill, Wainwright, and Wray.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 9, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A PILOT PROGRAM TO PURCHASE  
3 AND PLACE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS IN CERTAIN  
4 PUBLIC PLACES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEART DISEASE AND  
5 STROKE PREVENTION TASK FORCE.

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

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

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

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
15 Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of  
16 seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the sum of six  
17 thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. These funds shall be used to  
18 pilot the placement of one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in each of six public  
19 buildings or places where public usage is 300,000 or more visitors per year and the  
20 building or place does not currently have an operational AED in place. In selecting  
21 pilot sites, the Department shall ensure geographic representation of the State.

22       Funds shall be used to purchase six AED units, conduct on-site training at six  
23 sites, and conduct ongoing educational/awareness campaigns to the general public in the  
24 piloted counties. The Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Branch of the Division of  
25 Public Health will be responsible for the purchase of AEDs, training of pilot program  
26 participants, and evaluation of the pilot program. The Department shall report on the  
27 location, establishment and implementation of the pilot sites to the House of

1 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, the  
2 Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal  
3 Research Division on or before March 1, 2006.

4           **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.