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MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: CLARIFY DEFINITION

House Bill 4659
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Complete to 8-22-03

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4659 AS INTRODUCED 5-8-03

The Public Health Code defines a “medical first responder” as an individual who has met certain educational requirements and who is licensed to provide medical first response life support as part of a medical first response service. The term also includes the driver of an ambulance that provides basic life support services only.

The bill would amend the code to clarify that a police officer would not be a medical first responder solely because his or her police vehicle was equipped with a defibrillator.

(Note: Public Act 173 of 1999 expanded the Good Samaritan Law to limit the civil liability of persons who used an automated external defibrillator (AED), as opposed to a defibrillator in general, to render emergency service to another person.)

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