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Senate Bill 1274 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code do the following:

- Require each life support vehicle to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator (AED) within nine months after the bill's effective date.
- Require a local medical control authority, within six months after the bill's effective date, to establish protocols to ensure that each life support vehicle was equipped with an AED and that each emergency services personnel was trained properly to use the AED.

The first requirement would be repealed on December 31, 2009.

The bill's requirements would apply to each life support vehicle that was dispatched and responding to provide medical first response life support, basic life support, or limited advanced life support.

"Life support vehicle" would mean an ambulance, nontransport prehospital life support vehicle, aircraft transport vehicle, or medical first response vehicle.

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FISCAL IMPACT

Mandating that life support vehicles be equipped with an automated external defibrillator likely would create a moderate, but indeterminate increase in cost for local units of government that operate medical first responder services. Local medical control authorities also could see an increase in administrative cost associated with creating protocols ensuring that each vehicle was equipped with an AED and personnel were trained in its use. The cost for an AED appears to be between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per unit. The extent of the bill's potential fiscal impact largely depends on how many life support vehicles are already equipped with an AED.

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