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Introduced by M. of A. DAIS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law and the state finance law, in relation to requiring opioid antagonists to be stored with all automated external defibrillators in the state of New York and establishing a grant program to accomplish such goal

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that opioid overdoses continue to be a leading cause of preventable death in the State of New York. Immediate access to opioid antagonists, such as naloxone nasal spray, can prevent fatalities and save lives. Automated external defibrillators are strategically located in many public places and emergency response settings. By mandating that automated external defibrillator units also include opioid antagonists, New York state will better equip bystanders and first responders to address both cardiac and opioid-related emergencies, thus improving public safety and public health outcomes.

§ 2. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 3000-b of the public health law, as added by chapter 552 of the laws of 1998, is amended to read as follows:

(c) "Public access defibrillation provider" means a person, firm, organization or other entity possessing or operating an automated external defibrillator pursuant to a collaborative agreement under this section **or public buildings, schools, transportation hubs, places of public assembly, and other locations as designated by the commissioner**.

§ 3. Subdivision 4 of section 3000-b of the public health law is renumbered subdivision 5 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as follows:

4. Opioid antagonists. (a) All public access defibrillation providers shall cause the automated external defibrillator to also contain at least one dose of an opioid antagonist, including but not limited to naloxone nasal spray.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(b) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing minimum requirements for storage, labeling, replacement, training, and maintenance of opioid antagonists co-located with the automated external defibrillator units.

(c) All public access defibrillation providers shall also be responsible for the maintenance and timely replacement of opioid antagonists, including expiration date tracking and proper storage.

(d) The department shall make available training resources for the administration of opioid antagonists, including digital and on-site formats, in conjunction with existing automated external defibrillator training requirements.

§ 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3000-g to read as follows:

§ 3000-g. Public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program. 1. There is hereby established a public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program to be administered by the department.

2. The purpose of such program shall be to provide an incentive and financial assistance to public access defibrillation providers who are seeking to obtain opioid antagonists alongside automated external defibrillator units.

3. The department shall set criteria for eligibility for grant awards. Those eligible to purchase opioid antagonists alongside automated external defibrillator units, and who apply shall be eligible for grant awards under such program. Grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing opioid antagonists and shall prioritize for schools, libraries, and community centers located in high-risk or underserved areas.

4. The public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist program shall be funded through the annual appropriation of the legislature or any other funds received by the state for the purposes of this section, including but not limited to funds administered in the public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program fund pursuant to section ninety-nine-tt of the state finance law. Grants shall only be awarded based upon the availability of funds.

§ 5. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-tt to read as follows:

§ 99-tt. Public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of the department of health a fund to be known as the "public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program fund".

2. Such fund shall consist of all moneys collected therefor, or moneys credited, appropriated or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law, or any other moneys made available for the purposes of the fund.

3. Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature and allocation by the commissioner of the department of health, shall be available only for purposes of the public access defibrillation provider opioid antagonist grant program, as set forth in section three thousand-g of the public health law.

§ 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.