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Int. No. 189-A

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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring defibrillators at

softball fields where youth leagues play

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 4-209 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subdivision b as amended by local law number 104 for the year 2016, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4-209 Automated external defibrillators at youth baseball and youth softball games and practices on city land leased to youth leagues. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Automated external defibrillator. The term "automated external defibrillator" means a medical device, approved by the United States food and drug administration, that: (i) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence in a patient of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia; (ii) is capable of determining, without intervention by an individual, whether defibrillation should be performed on a patient; (iii) upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to a patient's heart; and (iv) upon action by an individual, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to a patient's heart to perform defibrillation.

Department. The term "department" means the department of citywide administrative services or any successor of such department.

Training course. The term "training course" means a course approved by a nationally-recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council in the operation of automated external defibrillators.

Youth baseball league. The term "youth baseball league" means baseball leagues with participants who are all 17 years old or younger, but includes grade school through high school athletic programs regardless of the age of the participants, other than the public school leagues, including school leagues, little leagues, community based organization leagues, and unaffiliated leagues.

Youth softball league. The term "youth softball league" means softball leagues with participants who

are all 17 years old or younger, but includes grade school through high school athletic programs regardless of the age of the participants, other than the public school leagues, including school leagues, little leagues, community based organization leagues, and unaffiliated leagues.

b. Subject to the provision of a sufficient number of automated external defibrillators and training courses by the department pursuant to subdivision c, a youth baseball league or youth softball league using a [baseball] field for which the department is the lessor shall:

1. make available an automated external defibrillator at every baseball or softball game and practice occurring at such field in which a team of such league participates; and

2. where practicable, ensure that there is at least one coach, umpire or other qualified adult who is present at each such game and practice who has successfully completed a training course within 24 months of each such game and practice.

c. The department shall provide to youth baseball leagues and youth softball leagues subject to the requirements of subdivision b a sufficient number of automated external defibrillators and training courses at no cost to such leagues. Any defibrillator provided by the department to such a league shall be returned in satisfactory condition at the end of the lease or upon request of such department.

d. The department shall not lease a ballfield to a youth baseball league or a youth softball league unless such lease requires that the lessee comply with subdivision b.

e. Any person who voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment using an automated external defibrillator that has been made available pursuant to this section, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, and any individual or entity that purchases or makes available an automated external defibrillator as required by this section, is entitled to the limitation of liability provided in section 3000-a of the New York state public health law.

f. Nothing contained in this section imposes any duty or obligation on any person to provide assistance with an automated external defibrillator to a victim of a medical emergency.

g. Nothing contained in this section affects the obligations or liability of emergency health providers pursuant to section 3000-b of the New York state public health law.

h. Any youth baseball league or youth softball league that violates the provisions of subdivision b shall receive a warning for a first violation, and shall be liable for a civil penalty of $500 for each subsequent violation, recoverable in a proceeding before any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings or within any agency of the city of New York designated to conduct such proceedings. Any youth baseball league or youth softball league that violates the provisions of subdivision c shall be liable for a civil penalty of no more than $2,500 for each automated external defibrillator that is not returned in satisfactory condition, recoverable in a proceeding before any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings or within any agency of the city of New York designated to conduct such proceedings.

i. The provision of automated external defibrillators and training courses authorized by this section shall be limited to the appropriation of funds available for this program. To the extent the department anticipates that the number of automated external defibrillators and training courses requested by youth baseball leagues and youth softball leagues will exceed the funds available, the department shall provide such defibrillators and training courses authorized by subdivision c on an equitable basis until such funds are exhausted.

j. The commissioner of the department shall promulgate any rules as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

§ 2. Section 18-150 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 57 for the year 2016, subdivision b as amended by local law number 104 for the year 2016, and renumbered by local law number 133 of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 18-150 Defibrillators at youth baseball games and youth softball games and practices in parks. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Automated external defibrillator. The term “automated external defibrillator” means a medical device, approved by the United States food and drug administration, that: (i) is capable of recognizing the presence or

absence in a patient of ventricular fibrillation and rapid ventricular tachycardia; (ii) is capable of determining, without intervention by an individual, whether defibrillation should be performed on a patient; (iii) upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to a patient's heart; and (iv) upon action by an individual, delivers an appropriate electrical impulse to a patient's heart to perform defibrillation.

Department. The term “department” means the department of parks and recreation or any successor of such department.

Training course. The term “training course” means a course approved by a nationally-recognized organization or the state emergency medical services council in the operation of automated external defibrillators.

Youth league. The term “youth league” means youth recreation sports leagues other than the public school leagues, including school leagues, little leagues, community based organization leagues, and unaffiliated leagues.

Youth recreation. The term “youth recreation” means athletic activity with participants who are all 17 years old or younger, but includes grade school through high school athletic programs regardless of the age of the participants.

b. Subject to the provision of a sufficient number of automated external defibrillators and training courses by the department pursuant to subdivision c, a youth league using a ballfield under the jurisdiction and management of the department to play or practice baseball <u>or softball</u> shall:

1. make available an automated external defibrillator at every baseball <u>or softball</u> game and practice in which any team in such league participates; and

2. where practicable, ensure that there is at least one coach, umpire or other qualified adult who is present at each such game and practice who has successfully completed a training course within 24 months of every such game and practice.

c. The department shall provide to youth leagues subject to the requirements of subdivision b a sufficient number of automated external defibrillators and training courses at no cost to such leagues. Any defibrillator provided by the department to such a league shall be returned in satisfactory condition upon request of the department.

d. The department shall not issue a permit to a youth league for the use of a ballfield under its jurisdiction and management to play baseball <u>or softball</u> unless, for the duration of the season for which the permit is sought, such league certifies that it will comply with subdivision b.

e. Each league shall maintain records that it possesses a sufficient number of automated external defibrillators to meet the requirements of subdivision b for three years from the date such league receives the permit that was the subject of the application.

f. Any person who voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders first aid or emergency treatment using an automated external defibrillator that has been made available pursuant to this section, to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, and any individual or entity that purchases or makes available an automated external defibrillator as required by this section, is entitled to the limitation of liability provided in section 3000-a of the New York state public health law.

g. Nothing contained in this section imposes any duty or obligation on any person to provide assistance with an automated external defibrillator to a victim of a medical emergency.

h. Nothing contained in this section affects the obligations or liability of emergency health providers pursuant to section 3000-b of the New York state public health law.

i. 1. The ballfield permit holder of any league that violates the provisions of subdivisions b or e shall receive a warning for a first violation, and shall be liable for a civil penalty of $500 for each subsequent violation, recoverable in a proceeding before any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings or within any agency of the city of New York designated to conduct such proceedings.

2. The ballfield permit holder of any league that violates the provisions of subdivision c shall be liable

for a civil penalty of no more than $2,500 for each automated external defibrillator that is not returned in satisfactory condition to the department, recoverable in a proceeding before any tribunal established within the office of administrative trials and hearings or within any agency of the city of New York designated to conduct such proceedings.

j. No ballfield permit shall be issued to any youth league that has a past due outstanding penalty for a violation issued pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision i.

k. The provision of automated external defibrillators and training courses authorized by this section shall be limited to the appropriation of funds available for this program. To the extent the department anticipates that the number of automated external defibrillators and training courses requested by youth leagues will exceed the funds available, the department shall provide such defibrillators and training courses authorized by subdivision c on an equitable basis until such funds are exhausted.

l. The commissioner of the department shall promulgate any rules as may be necessary for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

§ 3. This local law takes effect on January 1, 2019.

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