SENATE BILL NO. 2438

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-60-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE REGISTRATION OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) WITH THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 41-60-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

41-60-33. Any person may use an automated external defibrillator for the purpose of saving the life of another person in sudden cardiac death, subject to the following requirements:

(a) A Mississippi licensed physician must exercise medical control authority over the person using the AED to ensure compliance with requirements for training, emergency medical services (EMS) notification and maintenance;

(b) The person using the AED must have received appropriate training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and in the use of an AED by the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, National Safety Council or other nationally recognized course in CPR and AED use;

(c) The AED must not operate in a manual mode except when access control devices are in place or when appropriately licensed individuals such as registered nurses, physicians or emergency medical technician-paramedics utilize the AED; * * *

(d) Any person who renders emergency care or treatment on a person in sudden cardiac death by using an AED must activate the EMS system as soon as possible, and report any clinical use of the AED to the licensed physician; and
(e) Any AED placed for use in Mississippi must be registered with the Mississippi Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Mississippi State Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations for the placement and registry of AEDs in the State of Mississippi, and to require that copies of the registration be posted at the location owning or having access to the operation of the AED.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2003.