



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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SB 401, An Act Concerning The Use Of Automatic External Defibrillators

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 401, An Act Concerning The Use Of Automatic External Defibrillators**. CHA supports this bill.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Connecticut hospitals are dynamic, complex organizations that are continually working to find innovative ways to better serve patients and communities and build a healthier Connecticut. By investing in the future of Connecticut's hospitals, we will strengthen our healthcare system and our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

SB 401 would provide liability protection to physicians and other healthcare professionals who use automated external defibrillators in the scope of their practice or employment when the automatic external defibrillator malfunctions.

CHA supports this bill and other policy initiatives that protect healthcare providers who are practicing within their training and scope but, through no fault of their own, employ the use of a defective medical device or instrument.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.