

# HOUSE BILL 293

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By: **Delegate Costa**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Physical Therapy Offices – Automated External Defibrillators – Training**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting persons from practicing physical therapy in the State  
4 unless there is certain equipment in certain physical therapy offices and certain  
5 staff members who have received certain training are on-site; providing a  
6 certain exception; and generally relating to automated external defibrillators in  
7 physical therapy offices and the training of staff members.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Health Occupations  
10 Section 13–405  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2009 Replacement Volume)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Health Occupations**

16 **13–405.**

17 **(A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A LICENSEE WHO WORKS IN A**  
18 **SETTING OUTSIDE THE LICENSEE’S OFFICE OR A HOSPITAL OR RELATED**  
19 **INSTITUTION, AS DEFINED IN § 19–301 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.**

20 **(B) A PERSON MAY NOT PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY IN THE STATE**  
21 **UNLESS:**

22 **(1) THERE IS AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR IN THE**  
23 **TREATMENT AREA OF A PHYSICAL THERAPY OFFICE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) WHEN A PATIENT IS IN THE PHYSICAL THERAPY OFFICE FOR**  
2 **TREATMENT, A STAFF MEMBER WHO HAS RECEIVED CARDIOPULMONARY**  
3 **RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION AND AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR**  
4 **TRAINING IS ON-SITE.**

5                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 October 1, 2010.