

**McV ALERT
AUTOMATED DEFIBRILLATOR ACT
AUGUST 15, 2008**

On August 1, 2008, the Governor signed into law Act No. 141 of August 1, 2008, which requires “private establishments” engaged in the rendering of services to have at least one automated defibrillator available for the use of its visitors, clients or employees. The Act defines “private establishments” according to the capacity of the place for the flow or permanence of persons, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Private schools.
- (b) Stadiums and private sports centers with a capacity of more than 500 persons.
- (c) Private show and entertainment establishments with a capacity of more than 500 persons.
- (d) Private universities and conference, seminar or exhibition halls of a private nature with a capacity of more than 500 persons.
- (e) Industries, factories, shopping malls, hotels, inns and any other private enterprise with the capacity to shelter, receive or serve more than 250 persons.

The Act further provides that the Health Department, in conjunction with the private establishments, will be responsible for training at least three (3) individuals in each establishment in how to administer the defibrillator. The Act requires the Secretary of the Health Department to draft and adopt a regulation not later than 180 days after the approval of the Act for its enforcement and to establish penalties in the case of any violation. Despite that the regulation has to be drafted and adopted by the Health Department, the Act provides that it shall be effective immediately.

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