

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. VAN DREW OF NEW JERSEY**

At the end of subtitle A of title I of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. 11\_\_\_ . PUBLIC ACCESS TO DEFIBRILLATION IN**  
2 **TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ACT.**

3 (a) FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.—

4 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

5 (A) Sudden cardiac arrest (in this section  
6 referred to as “SCA”) is a leading cause of  
7 death in the United States, with an estimated  
8 356,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur-  
9 ring annually.

10 (B) Automated external defibrillators (in  
11 this section referred to as “AEDs”) are a vital  
12 tool in responding to SCA, as they are capable  
13 of delivering a life-saving shock to restore the  
14 heart’s natural rhythm.

15 (C) There is a need for quick response  
16 times in cases of SCA, as every minute that  
17 passes without defibrillation decreases the likeli-  
18 hood of survival by 7 to 10 percent.

1           (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of  
2           Congress that Federal agencies, States, and munic-  
3           ipalities should accelerate efforts to deploy AEDs in  
4           locations that are frequented by large crowds.

5           (b) EXPANSION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION  
6 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM TO FUND AED DEPLOY-  
7 MENT.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 133(b) of title 23,  
9           United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
10          end the following:

11           “(26) Projects to purchase and deploy auto-  
12          mated external defibrillators for use at transpor-  
13          tation facilities otherwise eligible for assistance  
14          under this section.

15           “(27) Projects to develop and implement writ-  
16          ten emergency action plans for responding to med-  
17          ical emergencies at transportation facilities otherwise  
18          eligible for assistance under this section, including  
19          the use of automated external defibrillators.”.

20           (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of  
21          Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of  
22          Health and Human Services and the Director of the  
23          Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, shall  
24          provide technical assistance to States and local offi-  
25          cials in developing the written emergency action

1 plans referred to in section 133(b)(26) of title 23,  
2 United States Code (as added by paragraph (1) of  
3 this section).

4 (c) DEPLOYMENT OF AEDS IN INTERSTATE TRANS-  
5 PORTATION FACILITIES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
7 tation, in consultation with the Secretary of Health  
8 and Human Services, shall issue—

9 (A) recommendations for the deployment  
10 of automated external defibrillators (in this sec-  
11 tion referred to as “AEDs”) at interstate trans-  
12 portation facilities based on best practices for  
13 the placement and maintenance of AEDs; and

14 (B) guidelines to assist any owner or oper-  
15 ator of an interstate transportation facility in  
16 developing and implementing for such facility a  
17 written emergency action plan for responding to  
18 medical emergencies, including the use of  
19 AEDs.

20 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of  
21 Transportation shall provide technical assistance to  
22 owners and operators of interstate transportation fa-  
23 cilities in complying with the recommendations and  
24 guidelines issued under paragraph (1).

1           (3) ENFORCEMENT.—In carrying out financial  
2 assistance programs of the Department of Transpor-  
3 tation, including its components, the Secretary of  
4 Transportation may impose such additional terms  
5 and conditions as the Secretary determines nec-  
6 essary to provide for adoption of the recommenda-  
7 tions and guidelines issued under paragraph (1).

8           (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (A) INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—The term  
10 “Interstate System” has the meaning given  
11 such term in section 101 of title 23, United  
12 States Code.

13           (B) INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION FACIL-  
14 ITY.—The term “interstate transportation facil-  
15 ity” includes—

16                   (i) a bus terminal, a ferry terminal,  
17 and a rail passenger transportation ter-  
18 minal;

19                   (ii) a highway rest area on the Inter-  
20 state System;

21                   (iii) a vehicle used to provide rail pas-  
22 senger transportation, other than a vehicle  
23 used exclusively to provide transportation  
24 between station stops located within 15

1 minutes of each other (as determined using  
2 times established in public timetables); and

3 (iv) such other facilities as the Sec-  
4 retary of Transportation determines appro-  
5 priate.

6 (C) RAIL PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION.—

7 The term “rail passenger transportation” in-  
8 cludes transportation provided by a rail fixed  
9 guideway public transportation system, an  
10 intercity passenger rail system, or a commuter  
11 rail passenger transportation system that re-  
12 ceives Federal assistance, as identified by the  
13 Secretary of Transportation.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amend-  
15 ments made by this section, shall apply beginning on the  
16 date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this  
17 Act.

