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SAFETY ALERT

Starting January 1, 2026, OSHA will enforce Assembly Bill 365, the Justin Kropp Safety Act, which mandates that all public utilities and electrical contractors of utilities have Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at all worksites with electrical lines. It also defines liability protections for those who use or do not use AED devices in an emergency. Finally, it outlines maintenance and reporting requirements for the public utilities and contractors who acquire AED devices.

Specifically, this bill:

1. Requires each public utility and independent contractor or subcontractor of the public utility to outfit every worksite with electrical lines with an AED.
2. Holds a person who renders emergency care or treatment not liable for civil damages resulting from the use, attempted use, or nonuse of an AED.
3. Holds the public utility, and independent contractor or subcontractor of the public utility, not liable for civil damages resulting from the use, attempted use, or nonuse of an AED.
4. Requires the public utility, and/or an independent contractor or subcontractor of the public utility, to do the following:
 - a. Comply with all regulations governing the placement of the AED.
 - b. Maintain and regularly test the AED according to the operation and maintenance guidelines set forth by the manufacturer, the American Heart Association, or the American Red Cross.
 - c. Check the AED for readiness after each use and at least once every 30 days.
 - d. Activate the emergency medical services system as soon as possible once emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest is rendered with an AED and report the use of the AED to the local emergency medical services (EMS) agency.
 - e. Create a written plan that describes the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency that may involve the use of the AED, including immediate notification of the EMS system.

For more information about the bill, please visit: [AB-365 The Justin Kropp Safety Act](#)

