

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5592**

Chapter 186, Laws of 2024

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2024 Regular Session

FITNESS CENTERS—SEMIAUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

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Yeas 48 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

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Yeas 72 Nays 24

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Approved March 19, 2024 9:55 AM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5592** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

SARAH BANNISTER

**Secretary**

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March 19, 2024

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senators Hunt, Cleveland, Conway, Lovick, Randall, Valdez, Van De Wege, and C. Wilson

Read first time 01/27/23. Referred to Committee on Health & Long Term Care.

1            AN        ACT        Relating    to        requiring    semiautomatic    external  
2    defibrillators at fitness centers; and adding a new section to  
3    chapter 70.54 RCW.

4    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.54  
6    RCW to read as follows:

7            (1) The owner of a fitness center shall acquire and maintain at  
8    least one semiautomatic external defibrillator on premises.

9            (2) The fitness center must comply with the requirements of RCW  
10    70.54.310, including instruction of personnel on the use of the  
11    defibrillator, maintenance of the defibrillator, and notification of  
12    the local emergency medical services organization about the location  
13    of the defibrillator.

14           (3) An employee of a fitness center who has completed the  
15    instruction required under RCW 70.54.310 may render emergency care or  
16    treatment using a semiautomatic external defibrillator on the fitness  
17    center premises.

18           (4) A person who uses a semiautomatic external defibrillator at  
19    the scene of an emergency is immune from civil liability pursuant to  
20    RCW 70.54.310.

1           (5) (a) "Fitness center" means any premises used for recreation,  
2 instruction, training, physical exercise, body building, weight loss,  
3 figure development, martial arts, or other similar activity, that  
4 offers access on a membership basis.

5           (b) "Fitness center" does not include: (i) Public common schools,  
6 private schools approved under RCW 28A.195.010, and public or private  
7 institutions of higher education; (ii) facilities operated by bona  
8 fide nonprofit organizations which have been granted tax-exempt  
9 status by the internal revenue service, the functions of which as  
10 fitness centers are only incidental to their overall functions; and  
11 (iii) private facilities operated out of a home that do not offer  
12 memberships.

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