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**LEAGUE ALERT**

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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**Re: S-1236, Automated External Defibrillators**

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Dear Mayor:

Please be advised of legislation, which the League must oppose with regrets.

S-1236 requires schools, municipal, county or other publicly owned recreational fields and youth camps to have automated external defibrillators (AED's) available at all youth athletic events. It, further, mandates training for all coaches and youth leaders in the use of AED's and in CPR.

While we appreciate the sponsors' intent to provide ready access to high level life-saving technology at all youth recreational and athletic venues, we fear the costs associated with this mandate. And while the bill does provide appropriate immunities from civil liabilities for incidents relating to the AED's and their usage, we fear that such questions would be litigated and that the Courts may over-turn these immunities. Along that tortuous trail, more costs would inevitably accrue to the public and to non-profit youth service associations.

The legislation awaits hearing in the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. If adopted, the mandates of the bill commence September 1, 2009.

We ask you to express your concerns to your Senate representative.

Very truly yours,

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