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ACR-241 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 241

CHAPTER 137

Relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 17, 2018.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 241, Rodriguez. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

This measure would declare the week of June 1, 2018, to June 7, 2018, inclusive, as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week in California, as specified.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States and California; and

WHEREAS, Heart disease affects men, women, and children of every age and race, regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS, More than 350,000 EMS-assessed out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 90 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims die before arriving at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Sudden cardiac arrest results from an abnormal heart rhythm in most adults; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, only 46 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation by a bystander; and

WHEREAS, Prompt delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation more than doubles the chance of survival from sudden cardiac arrest by helping to maintain vital blood flow to the heart and brain, increasing the amount of time that an electric shock from a defibrillator can be effective; and

WHEREAS, It is often impossible for EMS personnel in California to arrive within 10 minutes of a 911 call, therefore achieving high survival rates depends on a public trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator use; and

WHEREAS, It is important to increase awareness of the value of hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature declares the week of June 1, 2018, to June 7, 2018, inclusive, to be Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator Awareness Week in California, and that the residents of the State of California are encouraged to learn hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.