



CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

HB 460

Support with Amendment

Judiciary Committee

**Montgomery County - Law Enforcement Vehicles - Automated External
Defibrillator MC 26-17**

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The City of Takoma Park wholeheartedly supports the principle of HB 460. However, the cost to local jurisdictions to implement the bill as drafted would be substantial and unduly burdensome if mandated without the provision of grant funding to offset the costs. We estimate that the one-time cost to equip City of Takoma Park patrol first responder vehicles with AEDs would be in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000 depending on the quality and durability of the devices. Even if phased in over the next few years, we could reasonably expect to have to add significant funds to our annual budget for cyclical replacement of AEDs, maintenance, and replacement of pads and batteries for AEDs that have been utilized.

For these reasons, the City of Takoma Park supports HB 460 insofar as the bill includes an amendment stipulating that funds would be provided to cover costs for acquisition, maintenance and replacement of AED for as long as the devices are required in patrol first responder vehicles. We urge you to pass the bill with such an amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.