

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to medical treatment of violent  
3           wounds; amending s. 790.24, F.S.; requiring  
4           medical personnel to report life-threatening  
5           injuries to the sheriff; providing penalties;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Section 790.24, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12           790.24 Report of medical treatment of certain gunshot  
13 wounds; penalty for failure to report.--Any physician, nurse,  
14 or employee thereof and any employee of a hospital,  
15 sanitarium, clinic, or nursing home knowingly treating any  
16 person suffering from a gunshot wound or life-threatening  
17 injury ~~other wound~~ indicating an act of violence, or receiving  
18 a request for such treatment, shall report the same  
19 immediately to the sheriff's department of the county in which  
20 said treatment is administered or request therefor received.  
21 This section does not affect any requirement that a person has  
22 to report abuse pursuant to chapter 39 or chapter 415. Any  
23 such person willfully failing to report such treatment or  
24 request therefor is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first  
25 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

26           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.  
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