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An act relating to medical treatment of violent wounds; amending s. 790.24, F.S.; requiring medical personnel to report life-threatening injuries to the sheriff; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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