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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to medical treatment of certain
wounds; amending s. 790.24, F.S.; revising
types of injuries resulting from violence that
health care practitioners are required to
report; providing a penalty; 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.
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 October 1, 1999.

HOUSE SUMMARY

Requires health care practitioners to report to the
county sheriff any treatment or request for treatment of
a gunshot wound or life-threatening injury indicating an
act of violence. Provides a first degree misdemeanor
penalty for failure to so report.