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May 16, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Building  
L O C A L

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

**House File 455**, A bill for an act requiring licensed health-related professionals to report certain burn injuries to a law enforcement agency.

**House File 671**, A bill for an act relating to the recycling property exemption from property tax and including an applicability date.

The above House Files are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Governor

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cc: Secretary of the Senate  
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 455

AN ACT

REQUIRING LICENSED HEALTH-RELATED PROFESSIONALS TO REPORT  
CERTAIN BURN INJURIES TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

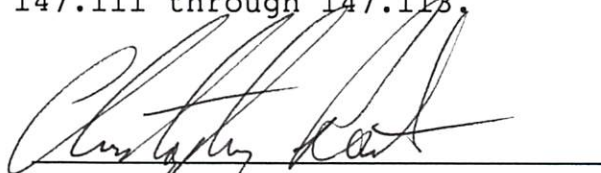
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

BURN INJURIES

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 147.113A REPORT OF BURN  
INJURIES.

Any person licensed under the provisions of this subtitle who administers any treatment to a person suffering a burn which appears to be of a suspicious nature on the body, a burn to the upper respiratory tract, a laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air, or a burn injury that is likely to result in death, which appears to have been received in connection with the commission of a criminal offense, or to whom an application is made for treatment of any nature because of any such burn or burn injury shall at once but not later than twelve hours after treatment was administered or application was made report the fact to law enforcement. The report shall be made to the law enforcement agency within whose jurisdiction the treatment was administered or application was made, or if ascertainable, to the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the burn or burn injury occurred, stating the name of such person, the person's residence if ascertainable, and giving a brief description of the burn or burn injury. Any provision of law or rule of evidence relative to confidential communications is suspended insofar as the provisions of this section are concerned.

Sec. 2. CODIFICATION. The Code editor shall codify this Act separately from sections 147.111 through 147.113.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House



MARY E. KRAMER  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 455, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved May 16, 2003



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Governor