

House Study Bill 635

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PUBLIC SAFETY BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the mandatory reporting to law enforcement
2 officials of medical treatment for certain injuries and making
3 a penalty applicable.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 5978HC 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 147.111, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 147.111 REPORT OF TREATMENT OF WOUNDS AND OTHER INJURIES.
1 4 Any person licensed under the provisions of this subtitle
1 5 or certified under the provisions of chapter 147A who shall
1 6 administer any treatment to any person suffering a gunshot or
1 7 stab wound or other serious injury, as defined in section
1 8 702.18, which appears to have been received in connection with
1 9 the commission of a criminal offense, including homicide or
1 10 serious injury by motor vehicle as described in section
1 11 707.6A, or to whom an application is made for treatment of any
1 12 nature because of any such gunshot or stab wound or other
1 13 serious injury, as defined in section 702.18, shall at once
1 14 but not later than twelve hours thereafter, report that fact
1 15 to the law enforcement agency within whose jurisdiction the
1 16 treatment was administered or an application ~~therefor~~ for
1 17 treatment was made, or if ascertainable, to the law
1 18 enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the gunshot or stab
1 19 wound or other serious injury occurred, stating the name of
1 20 such person, the person's residence if ascertainable, and
1 21 giving a brief description of the gunshot or stab wound or
1 22 other serious injury. Any provision of law or rule of
1 23 evidence relative to confidential communications is suspended
1 24 insofar as the provisions of this section are concerned.

EXPLANATION

1 25 Code section 147.111 requires any person holding a license
1 26 in a health-related profession to report any treatment given
1 27 for a gunshot wound, stab wound, or other serious injury which
1 28 appears to have been received in connection with the
1 29 commission of a criminal offense. The required report is to
1 30 be made, within 12 hours of the treatment, to local law
1 31 enforcement.

1 32 This bill extends this requirement to emergency medical
1 33 care providers and expands reportable incidents to include
1 34 homicide or serious injury by motor vehicle.

2 1 Failure to provide the required report is a simple
2 2 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of at least \$65 but not more
2 3 than \$625, confinement up to 30 days, or both.

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