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An Act Regarding the Requirement That the Treatment of a Gunshot Wound Be Reported

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §512, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of failure to report treatment of a gunshot wound if, being a ~~licensed physician~~ an attending medical provider, ~~he~~that person treats a human being for a wound apparently caused by the discharge of a firearm and knowingly fails to report the same to a law enforcement officer ~~within 24 hours~~ as soon as possible.

SUMMARY

This bill requires an attending medical provider to report the treatment of a wound apparently caused by the discharge of a firearm to a law enforcement officer as soon as possible. Current law requires a physician to make such a report within 24 hours.