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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**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~~health care practitioner or emergency medical services person, ~~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~~agency immediately by the quickest means of communication.

**Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §512, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

**3.** As used in this section, "health care practitioner" has the same meaning as in Title 24, section 2502, subsection 1-A, and "emergency medical services person" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12.'

## SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and amends the existing requirement that treatment of a gunshot wound be reported. The amendment specifies that a health care practitioner or emergency medical services person report the treatment of a wound apparently caused by the discharge of a firearm to a law enforcement agency immediately by the quickest means of communication. This amendment recognizes that not all gunshot wounds are treated in an emergency room by a physician. The amendment will better ensure that all gunshot wounds are reported and that they are reported in a timely manner.