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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~~ health care practitioner or emergency medical services person, ~~hethat 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.

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