

HOUSE BILL NO. 184

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER GUNSHOT OR STAB WOUND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PRACTITIONER SUBMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER TREATING OR OBSERVING A WOUND; AND AMENDING SECTION 37-2-302, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 37-2-302, MCA, is amended to read:

**"37-2-302. Gunshot or stab wounds to be reported.** The physician, nurse, or other person licensed to practice a health care profession who is treating the victim of a gunshot wound or stabbing shall make a report to a law enforcement officer by the fastest possible means. ~~Within 24 hours after initial treatment or first observation of the wound, a written report shall be submitted, including the name and address of the victim, if known, and shall be sent by regular mail.~~"

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