

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; AND PROVIDING AN
IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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 AS SOON AS
IS PRACTICABLE 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.~~"

NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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