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House of Representatives, February 2, 2009

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

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAVIS of Sangerville.

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

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

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

8 **SUMMARY**

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