

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 737

S. P. 396

In Senate, February 18, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Marden of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to the Duty of Physicians to Report Gun Shot Wounds.

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

Duties of physicians and hospitals. Every physician attending or treating a case of bullet wound, gunshot wound, powder burn or any other injury arising from or caused by the discharge of a gun, pistol or other firearm, or, whenever any such case is treated in a hospital, sanitarium or other institution, the manager, superintendent or other person in charge thereof, shall report such case at once to the state department of health and to a deputy sheriff, constable or police officer of such city or town where such physician, hospital, sanitarium or institution is located. This section shall not apply to such wounds, burns or injuries received by any member of the armed forces of the United States or of the commonwealth while engaged in the actual performance of duty. Whoever violates any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.