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SENATE BILL 1612

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; requiring report of certain injury; requiring certain physical records; requiring preservation of certain item; prohibiting relief of certain reporting; providing certain immunity; prohibiting public disclosure; clarifying certain reporting obligations; stating certain liability; creating misdemeanor offenses; providing penalties; clarifying applicability; construing provision; requiring report of certain damage; creating misdemeanor offense; providing penalty; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 594 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any pharmacist, physician, nurse, medical provider, midwife, dentist, veterinarian, paramedical employee, or provider of first aid or emergency medical services, or any employee of a hospital, clinic, nursing home, sanitarium, or person associated with any other medical institution or office where patients regularly receive care, who tends or treats, or any person who is requested to

1 examine, tend, or treat, at any location, any human being suffering  
2 from a wound, injury, or illness and who has reason to believe that  
3 such wound, injury, or illness:

4 1. Was caused by or appears to arise from a bullet wound, a  
5 gunshot wound, a powder burn, or any other injury arising from the  
6 discharge of a firearm;

7 2. Was caused by or appears to arise from a knife, an ice pick,  
8 or any other sharp or pointed instrument or deadly weapon believed  
9 to have been intentionally inflicted upon a person;

10 3. Was caused by or appears to arise from poisoning;

11 4. Was caused by or appears to arise from an incendiary or  
12 explosive device or is a burn injury or wound if the victim has  
13 sustained second- or third-degree burns to five percent (5%) or more  
14 of the body, the victim has sustained burns to the upper respiratory  
15 tract or sustained laryngeal edema from inhaling superheated air, or  
16 the victim has sustained a burn injury or wound that may result in  
17 the victim's death; or

18 5. Is a wound, injury, or illness that would seriously maim,  
19 would produce death, or has rendered the injured person unconscious,  
20 and was caused by the use of violence or was sustained in a  
21 suspicious or unusual manner or in the commission of a crime,  
22 shall report the wound, injury, or illness to a law enforcement  
23 agency with jurisdiction at the location in which such treatment is  
24 administered or the request for such treatment is received. Such

1 reports shall contain the name, address, race, sex, current  
2 whereabouts, and age of the patient, and shall also contain the  
3 nature and extent of the injury, wound, illness, or burn, any other  
4 information that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the  
5 injury, wound, illness, or burn and the identity of the person who  
6 caused the injury, wound, illness, or burn if known, and any facts  
7 that might assist in detecting crime including, but not limited to,  
8 providing any video recorded at or maintained by the reporting  
9 facility where the patient is depicted even if such video includes  
10 depictions of other patients. Such reports shall be made  
11 immediately by telephone with video and any other physical record to  
12 be provided within seventy-two (72) hours of a request by the law  
13 enforcement agency investigating the report. A facility providing  
14 video pursuant to this section may blur the images of any  
15 individuals who are not the patient about whom a report is made and  
16 who are not individuals associated with or assisting the patient  
17 about whom a report is made.

18 B. 1. A person who has rendered treatment or assistance for a  
19 crime the reporting of which is addressed in Section 58 of Title 22  
20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall report injuries, wounds, or  
21 illnesses that fall under subparagraph 1, 2, 3, or 4 of subsection A  
22 of this section even if the crimes listed in Section 58 of Title 22  
23 of the Oklahoma Statutes are not reported.

1        2. A person who has rendered treatment or assistance for a  
2 crime the reporting of which is addressed in Section 40.3A of Title  
3 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall report injuries, wounds, or  
4 illnesses that fall under subsection A of this section even if the  
5 crimes listed in Section 40.3A of Title 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
6 are not reported.

7        C. A person who renders treatment for any reportable injury,  
8 wound, illness, or burn shall ensure that any bullet, foreign  
9 object, clothing showing damage potentially related to the  
10 reportable injury, wound, illness, or burn, or any other item which  
11 may be potential evidence related to the report that is removed from  
12 any such patient, shall be identified as coming from such patient  
13 and kept in a manner that preserves the integrity of the item, until  
14 an employee of such entity surrenders the item to the law  
15 enforcement agency to whom the report is made.

16        D. No privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the  
17 requirement of reporting pursuant to this section or prevent any  
18 person from testifying regarding information acquired from a patient  
19 treated for a reportable injury, wound, illness, or burn if such  
20 testimony is otherwise admissible. Any provision of law or rule of  
21 evidence relating to confidentiality of such treatment is abrogated  
22 for and does not apply to communications and testimony pursuant to  
23 this section.  
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1 E. Any person who makes a report required by this section shall  
2 be immune from civil liability for the making of such reports and  
3 shall have immunity with respect to any good-faith participation in  
4 any judicial proceeding or any other proceeding resulting from the  
5 report of the injury, wound, illness, or burn.

6 F. Any report of an injury, wound, illness, or burn required to  
7 be reported pursuant to this section shall not become a public  
8 record. Law enforcement shall keep confidential and redact any  
9 information identifying the reporter in a report required pursuant  
10 to this section unless otherwise ordered by a court. Other  
11 employees of a facility with knowledge of a report required by this  
12 section shall not disclose information identifying the reporter  
13 unless otherwise ordered by the court or as part of an investigation  
14 by local law enforcement.

15 G. The reporting obligations pursuant to this section are  
16 individual except that when two or more persons who are required to  
17 report are present and jointly have knowledge of a known or  
18 suspected injury, wound, illness, or burn that is required to be  
19 reported pursuant to this section, and when there is an agreement  
20 among these persons to report as a team, the team may select by  
21 mutual agreement a member of the team to make a report by telephone  
22 and a single written report as required by subsection A of this  
23 section. The written report shall be signed by the selected member  
24 of the reporting team. Any member who has knowledge that the member

1 designated to report has failed to do so shall thereafter make the  
2 report.

3 H. No employer, supervisor, administrator, governing body, or  
4 other entity shall interfere with the reporting obligations of any  
5 employee or other person or in any manner discriminate or retaliate  
6 against an employee or other person who in good faith files a report  
7 pursuant to this section. Any employer, supervisor, administrator,  
8 governing body, or other entity who discharges, discriminates, or  
9 retaliates against an employee or other person for making a report  
10 or providing information or testimony for proceedings related to a  
11 reportable injury, wound, illness, or burn pursuant to this section  
12 shall be liable for damages, costs, and attorney fees.

13 I. Any person who knowingly and willfully fails to file a  
14 report or who interferes with prompt reporting required pursuant to  
15 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor.  
16 Any person who knowingly and willfully makes a report pursuant to  
17 this section when the person knows the report lacks factual  
18 foundation shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor. A  
19 violation of this subsection shall be punishable by a fine not more  
20 than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), by imprisonment in a county  
21 jail for not more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and  
22 imprisonment.

23 J. The provisions of this section shall not apply to such  
24 injuries, wounds, illnesses, or burns received by any member of the

1 Armed Forces of the United States or of this state while engaged in  
2 the actual performance of duty.

3 K. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
4 affect any requirement that a person must report child abuse or  
5 neglect pursuant to Title 10A of the Oklahoma Statutes except that  
6 when making a report of child abuse or child neglect pursuant to  
7 Title 10A, the reporting facility is required to provide any video  
8 recorded at or maintained by the reporting facility where the  
9 patient is depicted even if such video includes depictions of other  
10 patients. Such video and any other physical record shall be  
11 provided within seventy-two (72) hours of a request by the law  
12 enforcement agency investigating the report.

13 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 595 of Title 21, unless there is  
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Any owner of a garage, parking lot, or other place where  
17 motor vehicles of any kind are stored or left for repair or for any  
18 other purpose, or any employee of such owner, who knows or becomes  
19 aware of the fact that any motor vehicle so stored or left has upon  
20 it, or in it, bullet marks, gunshot marks, blood stains, or marks or  
21 evidence of any purported crime, shall immediately report the facts  
22 to a law enforcement agency of this state.

23 B. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection A of  
24 this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor

1 punishable by a fine not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),  
2 by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than six (6) months,  
3 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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