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Bill Analysis

SB 1612 requires medical providers to report any wound or illness that was caused by a firearm, knife, poison, or explosive device as well as any wound or illness caused by the use of violence or was sustained in a suspicious or unusual manner or in the commission of a crime to a law enforcement agency with jurisdiction at the location in which such treatment is administered or the request for such treatment is received. The report shall contain the name, address, race, sex, current whereabouts, and age of the patient, and shall also contain the nature and extent of the injury, wound, illness, or burn, any other information that might be helpful in establishing the cause of the injury or illness. The report shall also contain information that might assist in detecting crime. The reports must be made within 72 hours of a request by the law enforcement agency investigating the report. The measure provides that no privilege or contract shall relieve any person from the requirement of reporting. The measure provides immunity to civil liability arising from reporting such persons to law enforcement. The measure also requires the owner of a public garage to report any motor vehicle that has upon it, or in it, bullet marks, gunshot marks, blood stains, or marks or evidence of any purported crime.

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