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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to health care professionals; to require any member or employee of the medical profession to immediately report to law enforcement any injury resulting from a gunshot and to provide that the person making the report would be immune from any criminal or civil liability.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Any physician, nurse, or employee thereof or agent of the same and any employee or agent of a hospital, mental health facility, clinic, or nursing home knowingly treating a person suffering from a gunshot wound ~~or life-threatening injury indicating an act of violence, or receiving a request for such treatment, shall report the injury immediately to the sheriff of the county or law enforcement official of the municipality in which the wounded person was presented for treatment. A written notice of the report shall be made on the patient's medical record. , or~~ receiving a request for treatment, shall report the injury to a law enforcement officer. A report to either the applicable county sheriff or applicable municipal law enforcement officer shall satisfy any and all reporting requirements imposed by this section. A report shall be made as soon as possible, but no later than the time of the victim's release from that

1 facility. No report is necessary if law enforcement is present.

2 (b) Any person or persons who, in good faith, makes  
3 a report or causes a report to be made to the appropriate law  
4 enforcement authority pursuant to subsection (a), or  
5 participates in any judicial proceeding or any other  
6 proceeding resulting from the report shall be immune from any  
7 civil or criminal liability.

8 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
9 first day of the third month following its passage and  
10 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

