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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MANDATE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT BE NOTIFIED IN
9 THE EVENT THAT A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TREATS A BURN
10 THAT REASONABLY COULD BE CONNECTED TO CRIMINAL
11 ACTIVITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-12-602 is amended to read as follows:
24 12-12-602. Report of treatment required.

25 (a) All physicians, surgeons, hospitals, druggists, or other persons
26 or entities that render first aid treatment to a person shall report ~~to the~~
27 ~~office of the county sheriff of the county all cases of~~ as provided in
28 subsection (b) of this section if they treat or receive in the hospital a
29 case of a:

30 (1) ~~knife~~ Knife or gunshot ~~wounds~~ wound ~~treated by them or~~
31 ~~received in the hospital when the wounds appear~~ knife or gunshot wound
32 appears to have been intentionally inflicted; ~~or~~

33 (2) Burn wound that could reasonably be connected to criminal
34 activity.

35 (b) ~~If within a city of the first class, a report to the chief of~~
36 ~~police or a regular member of the police force shall be equivalent to a~~



1 ~~report to the office of the county sheriff, and a proper report to the chief~~
2 ~~of police, regular member of the police force, or office of the county~~
3 ~~sheriff shall be compliance with the requirements of this subchapter. The~~
4 reporting requirements of this subchapter are satisfied if:

5 (1) The report is made to the county sheriff;

6 (2) Within a city of the first class, the report is made to the
7 municipal law enforcement agency; or

8 (3) The report is made under subdivision (a)(2) of this section
9 to the fire marshal, fire chief, assistant fire chief, or an officer of the
10 fire department having jurisdiction.

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