1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S1/25/11 S2/24/11		
2	88th General Assembly	<sup>°</sup> A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2011		SENATE BILL 27	
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5	By: Senator J. Key			
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7	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 REA	THAT REASONABLY COULD BE CONNECTED TO CRIMINAL		
11	ACTIVITY	; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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14	Subtitle			
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16	NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT THAT A HEALTH CARE			
17	PROVIDER TREATS A BURN THAT REASONABLY			
18	COU	JLD BE CONNECTED TO CRIMINAL ACTI	IVITY.	
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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 physi	cians, surgeons, hospitals, drug	gists, or other persons	
26	or entities that ren	der first aid treatment <u>to a per</u>	son shall report <del>to the</del>	
27	office of the county	sheriff of the county all cases	<del>of</del> <u>as provided in</u>	
28	subsection (b) of th	is section if they treat or rece	ive in the hospital a	
29	case of a:			
30	<u>(1)</u> kni	fe <u>Knife</u> or gunshot <del>wounds</del> <u>wound</u>	treated by them or	
31	received in the hosp	ital when the wounds appear knif	e or gunshot wound	
32	appears to have been intentionally inflicted+; or			
33	<u>(2) Burn</u>	wound that could reasonably be	connected to criminal	
34	activity that is:			
35	<u>(A) A s</u>	econd or third degree burn to fi	ve percent (5%) or more	
36	of a person's body:	or		

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1	(B) A burn to a person's upper respiratory tract or laryngeal		
2	edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air.		
3	(b) If within a city of the first class, a report to the chief of		
4	police or a regular member of the police force shall be equivalent to a		
5	report to the office of the county sheriff, and a proper report to the chief		
6	of police, regular member of the police force, or office of the county		
7	sheriff shall be compliance with the requirements of this subchapter. The		
8	reporting requirements of this subchapter are satisfied if:		
9	(1) The report is made to the county sheriff;		
10	(2) Within a city of the first class, the report is made to the		
11	municipal law enforcement agency; or		
12	(3) The report is made under subdivision (a)(2) of this section		
13	to the local fire marshal, fire chief, assistant fire chief, or an officer o		
14	the fire department having jurisdiction.		
15	(c) A physician, surgeon, hospital, druggist, or other person or		
16	entity required to report under this section that, in good faith, makes a		
17	report under this section has immunity from any civil or criminal liability		
18	that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making of a		
19	report under this section.		
20	/s/J. Key		
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