

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0015

Violent injuries-reporting requirements.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gingery

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to mandatory reporting of violent injuries;
 2 requiring certain health care practitioners to report
 3 specified injuries to local law enforcement authorities;
 4 providing contents of the required notice; prohibiting
 5 interference with the required reporting; and providing for
 6 an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-4-901 is created to read:

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ARTICLE 9

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MANDATORY REPORTING

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15 **35-4-901. Mandatory reporting of violent injuries.**

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1 (a) Any health care practitioner employed in a health
2 facility, clinic, physician's office, local or state public
3 health department, a clinic or other type of facility
4 operated by a local or state public health department who,
5 in the practitioner's professional capacity or within the
6 scope of the practitioner's employment, provides medical
7 services for a patient described as follows shall
8 immediately make a report in accordance with subsection (c)
9 of this section:

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11 (i) Any person suffering from any wound or other
12 physical injury inflicted by the person's own act or
13 inflicted by another where the injury is by means of a
14 firearm;

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16 (ii) Any person suffering from any wound or
17 other physical injury inflicted upon the person where the
18 injury is the result of assaultive or abusive conduct.

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20 (b) Any health care practitioner required to report
21 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall make a
22 report to a local law enforcement agency as follows:

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1 (i) A report by telephone shall be made
2 immediately or as soon as practically possible;

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4 (ii) The report shall include the following
5 minimum information, if known to the person reporting:

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7 (A) The name of the injured person;

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9 (B) The injured person's whereabouts;

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11 (C) The character and extent of the
12 person's injuries;

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14 (D) The identity of any person the injured
15 person alleges inflicted the wound, other injury or
16 assaultive or abusive conduct upon the injured person.

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18 (c) For the purposes of this section, "injury" shall
19 not include any psychological or physical condition brought
20 about solely through the voluntary administration of a
21 narcotic or restricted dangerous drug.

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23 (d) When two (2) or more persons who are required to
24 report pursuant to this section and are present and jointly

1 have knowledge of a known or suspected instance of violence
2 that is required to be reported pursuant to this section,
3 and when there is an agreement among these persons to
4 report as a team, the team may select by mutual agreement a
5 member of the team to make the report. A member of the team
6 who has knowledge that the member designated to report has
7 failed to do so shall make the report. The reporting
8 duties under this section are individual, except as
9 provided in this subsection.

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11 (e) No supervisor or administrator shall impede or
12 inhibit the reporting duties required under this section
13 and no person making a report pursuant to this section
14 shall be subject to any sanction for making the report.
15 However, internal procedures to facilitate reporting and
16 apprise supervisors and administrators of reports may be
17 established, except that these procedures shall not be
18 inconsistent with this section.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2013.

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