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CSHB 332 (HESS) am

**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to the reporting of certain injuries.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

THE ACT FOLLOWS ON PAGE 1, LINE 9.

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Relating to the reporting of certain injuries.

\* Section 1. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 08.64.337. HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO REPORT CERTAIN INJURIES. (a) A health care professional who initially treats or attends to a person with an injury described in (b) of this section shall make certain that an oral report of the injury is made promptly to the Department of Public Safety, a local law enforcement agency, or a village public safety officer. The health care professional shall make certain that a written report of an injury described in (b)(1) or (2) of this section is submitted to the Department of Public Safety within three working days after the person is treated. The report shall be on a form provided by the department.

(b) The following injuries shall be reported under (a) of this section:

(1) second or third degree burns to five percent or more of a patient's body;

(2) a burn to a patient's upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air;

(3) a bullet wound, powder burn, or other injury apparently caused by the discharge of a firearm;

(4) an injury apparently caused by a knife, axe, or other sharp or pointed instrument, unless the injury was clearly accidental;

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1 and

2 (5) an injury that is likely to cause the death of the  
3 patient, unless the injury was clearly accidental.

4 (c) A person who, in good faith, makes a report under this  
5 section, or who participates in judicial proceedings related to a  
6 report under this section, is immune from any civil or criminal li-  
7 ability that might otherwise be incurred as a result of making such a  
8 report or participating in the judicial proceedings.

9 (d) In this section, "health care professional" includes an  
10 emergency medical technician, health aide, physician, nurse, para-  
11 medic, and physician's assistant, but does not include a practitioner  
12 of religious healing.