

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR BANFIELD

2 SENATE BILL NO. 235

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act requiring mandatory reports by
7 physicians and hospitals of injuries in-
8 flicted by shooting, stabbing, or beating."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 11 is amended by adding a new chapter to
11 read:

12 CHAPTER 67. MANDATORY REPORTS AND RECORDS.

13 ARTICLE 1. REPORTS OF INJURIES INFLICTED BY VIOLENCE.

14 Sec. 11.67.010. PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITALS REQUIRED TO
15 REPORT. (a) A physician who treats a person who has been
16 shot, stabbed, or brutally beaten shall report the injury
17 in accordance with sec. 20 of this chapter.

18 (b) If a person who has been wounded in a manner des-
19 cribed in (a) of this section comes or is brought to a
20 hospital for treatment, the appropriate hospital official
21 shall report the injury in accordance with sec. 20 of
22 this chapter.

23 Sec. 11.67.020. REPORTS. (a) An oral report of the
24 injury shall be made immediately to the nearest law enforce-
25 ment authority, and confirmed by a written report as soon
26 as possible thereafter. In areas of the state where it is
27 impractical to make an oral report, a written report shall
28 be made immediately.

29 (b) Oral and written reports shall contain

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(1) the name and address of the person treated,
if known;

(2) information regarding the nature and extent
of the wound.

Sec. 11.67.030. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT. A
physician or hospital official who fails to submit a
report required by sec. 10 of this chapter is guilty of a
misdemeanor.

Sec. 11.67.040. DEFINITIONS. In sec. 10 - 30 of this
chapter

(1) "physician" means a doctor of medicine
licensed to practice medicine in the state or an officer
in the regular medical service of the armed forces of the
United States or the United States Public Health Service
assigned to duty within the state;

(2) "law enforcement authority" means the state
police or the police department of a political subdivision
of the state.