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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 332 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the reporting of certain in-
7 juries."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.