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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

POSITION PAPER - HB 583

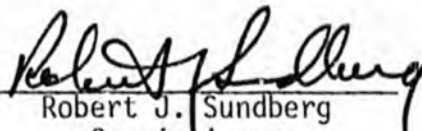
Support

The reporting of gunshot and stab wounds to law enforcement agencies by treating physicians and health care institutions is a basic tool within the criminal justice systems of most states that is not presently available to law enforcement agencies in Alaska. The absence of such a requirement under current law means that some serious assaults may never be reported to law enforcement authorities, especially in the remote villages and rural areas of the State.

Until recently, physicians and health care institutions had reported wounds of the types described in HB 583 to law enforcement agencies without being required to do so out of a desire to serve the public good. Privacy statutes and fear of litigation have virtually ended this long-standing informal relationship.

This legislation will enable timely responses from law enforcement officers to protect victims of violent crimes and to investigate the apparent commission of serious crimes. It may aid in the apprehension of the offender before he can do harm to other members of the public.




Robert J. Sundberg
Commissioner

POSITION PAPER

HOUSE BILL NO. 583

For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to report of certain injuries."

This Act amends AS 18.20 by adding provisions requiring that health care facilities and providers report cases involving certain types of injuries to law enforcement agencies. The types of injuries include those inflicted by firearms and those which are caused by cutting or stabbing implements or which are likely to be fatal unless the cause of the injury is clearly accidental. Both immediate verbal and follow-up written reports are required. The Act also provides for civil and criminal immunity for persons making reports in good faith under this requirement.

The Department of Health and Social Services endorses passage of this Bill since it clearly delineates when reports are required and provides the necessary legal protections to institutions and providers reporting such injuries. It will bring the Alaska statutes into line with those in many other states.

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Date: 2-15-84

Approved by: *Robert London Smith*
Robert London Smith, Ph.D.
Commissioner

Date: 2/17/84

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date _____, 1984

REQUEST
Bill/Resolution No.: HB 583
Title: Report of Certain Injuries

II. FISCAL DETAIL
Agency Affected: Health & Social Servs.
Program Category Affected: Health

Sponsor: Rules Committee
Requestor: House HESS
Date of Request: 2/14/83

~~BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected:~~
Public Health Administration

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LANDS & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for Analysis

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Approved by Commissioner: Robert Gordon Smith
Agency: Dept. of Health & Social Services

Date: 2/17/84

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FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date:

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 583
 Title: "An Act relating to reporting of certain injuries..."
 Sponsor: House Rules
 Requestor: House HESS
 Date of Request: 2-7-84

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Public Safety
 Program Category Affected: Administration of Justice
 BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Alaska State Troopers

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis N/A - No costs anticipated.

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Approved by Commissioner: R. J. Sundberg *[Signature]* Date: 1/5/84
 Agency: Public Safety

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