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1 AN ACT Relating to the reporting of specified injuries by trauma
2 health care providers; and adding a new section to chapter 18.130 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.130 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A physician, nurse, or hospital attendant called upon to treat
7 a person for a gunshot or knife wound must immediately notify the
8 nearest law enforcement agency of the circumstances, together with the
9 name and a description of the patient, the character of the wound, and
10 other facts that may be of assistance to the law enforcement agency in
11 the event the condition of the patient is due to any illegal
12 transaction or circumstances.

13 (2) A physician, nurse, or hospital attendant who makes a report in
14 good faith under this section is immune from civil liability resulting
15 from the report.

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