

**ACT 39**

S.B. NO. 608

A Bill for an Act Relating to Duty of Physician, Surgeon, Hospital, Clinic, Etc., to Report Wounds.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. Section 453-14, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

**“§453-14 Duty of physician, surgeon, hospital, clinic, etc., to report wounds.** (a) Every physician and surgeon attending or treating a case of knife wound, bullet wound, gunshot wound, powder burn, or any injury that would seriously maim, produce death, or has rendered the injured person unconscious, caused by the use of violence or sustained in a suspicious or unusual manner[;] or[;]

in motor vehicle collisions resulting in serious injury or death, or, whenever [such] the case is treated in a hospital, clinic, or other institution, the manager, superintendent, or person in charge thereof, shall report [such] the case or provide requested information to the chief of police of the county within which the person was attended or treated, giving the name of the injured person, description of the nature, type, and extent of the injury, together with other pertinent information [which] that may be of use to the chief of police. As used herein, the term ‘‘chief of police’’ means the chief of police of each county and any of the chief’s authorized subordinates.

(b) This section shall not apply to [such] wounds, burns, or injuries received by a member of the armed forces of the United States or of the State while engaged in the actual performance of duty.

(c) Any person who fails to make the report called for herein within twenty-four hours after [such] the attendance or treatment shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.’’

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

(Approved May 2, 2005.)