

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 654

## 92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES YATES AND LAGER (Co-sponsors).

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 578.350 and 578.353, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the reporting of certain types of wounds.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 578.350 and 578.353, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 578.350 and 578.353, to read as follows:

578.350. 1. Any person licensed under chapter 334 or 335, RSMo, who treats a person  
2 for a wound inflicted by gunshot, **knife, or explosive weapon as defined in section 571.010,**  
3 **RSMo**, shall immediately report to a local law enforcement official the name and address of the  
4 person, if known, and if unknown, a description of the person, together with an explanation of  
5 the nature of the wound and the circumstances under which the treatment was rendered.

6 2. Any person licensed under chapter 334 or 335, RSMo, who knowingly fails to report  
7 the injuries described in this section is guilty of the offense of medical deception.

8 3. Medical deception is an infraction.

578.353. Any person licensed under chapter 334 or 335, RSMo, who, in good faith,  
2 makes a report pursuant to section 578.350 shall have immunity from civil liability that  
3 otherwise might result from such report and shall have the same immunity with respect to any  
4 good faith participation in any judicial proceeding in which the reported gunshot, **knife, or**  
5 **explosive weapon** wound is an issue. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (5) of  
6 section 491.060, RSMo, the existence of a physician-patient relationship shall not prevent a  
7 physician from submitting the report required in section 578.350, or testifying regarding  
8 information acquired from a patient treated for a gunshot, **knife, or explosive weapon** wound  
9 if such testimony is otherwise admissible.