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HOUSE BILL NO. 728

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES LeVOTA (Sponsor), LAMPE AND MEADOWS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 577, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to failure to report illegal conduct of pharmacists or other health care professionals, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Chapter 577, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 577.170, to read as follows:

- 577.170. 1. Any person that has reasonable cause to believe that the conduct of a pharmacist or any other health care professional, as defined in section 383.130, RSMo, is illegal in nature and could cause death or serious physical injury, as defined in section 565.002, RSMo, to another person shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Food and Drug Administration, the state board of pharmacy, or any law enforcement organization.
2. The report shall contain the name and address of the pharmacist or health care professional, information regarding the nature of the alleged conduct, the name of the complainant, and any other information which might be helpful in an investigation.
3. Any person required in subsection 1 of this section to report or cause a report to be made to the Food and Drug Administration, state board of pharmacy, or any law enforcement organization who knowingly fails to make a report within a reasonable time after the alleged conduct is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.
4. In addition to the penalties imposed by this section, any administrator who knowingly conceals any illegal conduct resulting in death or serious physical injury, as defined in section 565.002, RSMo, is guilty of a class D felony.

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.