- 1 HB288
- 2 197710-2
- 3 By Representatives Clarke, Jones (S), Ball, Farley, Rowe,
- 4 Treadaway, Robertson, Simpson, Stringer, Brown (C), Reynolds,
- 5 Wilcox, Gaston, Pringle, Bracy, Gray, Lawrence, Chestnut,
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- 7 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
- 8 First Read: 21-MAR-19

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	Relating to health care professionals; to require
9	any member or employee of the medical profession to
10	immediately report to law enforcement any injury resulting
11	from a gunshot and to provide that the person making the
12	report would be immune from any criminal or civil liability.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. (a) Any physician, nurse, or employee
15	thereof or agent of the same and any employee or agent of a
16	hospital, mental health facility, clinic, or nursing home
17	knowingly treating a person suffering from a gunshot wound or
18	life-threatening injury indicating an act of violence, or
19	receiving a request for such treatment, shall report the
20	injury immediately to the sheriff of the county or law
21	enforcement official of the municipality in which the wounded
22	person was presented for treatment. A written notice of the
23	report shall be made on the patient's medical record. , or
24	receiving a request for treatment, shall report the injury to
25	a law enforcement officer. A report to either the applicable
26	county sheriff or applicable municipal law enforcement officer

shall satisfy any and all reporting requirements imposed by

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1	this section. A report shall be made as soon as possible, but
2	no later than the time of the victim's release from that
3	facility. No report is necessary if law enforcement is
4	present.
5	(b) Any person or persons who, in good faith, makes
6	a report or causes a report to be made to the appropriate law
7	enforcement authority pursuant to subsection (a), or
8	participates in any judicial proceeding or any other
9	proceeding resulting from the report shall be immune from any
10	civil or criminal liability.
11	Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12	first day of the third month following its passage and
13	approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7 8	Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 11-APR-19
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
15 16 17 18	Jeff Woodard Clerk