

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE BERTHELOT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CRIME: Provides with respect to the reporting of burn injuries and wounds

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:403.4(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 14:403.4(C)(3), relative to
3 reports of burn injuries and wounds; to authorize the office of state fire marshal to
4 request reports of burn injuries or wounds; to require the report to be made available
5 to the office of state fire marshal when requested; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:403.4(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 14:403.4(C)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §403.4. Burn injuries and wounds; reports; registry; immunity; penalties

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11 C.

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13 (3) The office may, at any time, request a hospital, burn center, sanitarium,
14 or other medical facility to provide the office with reports of burn injuries or wounds
15 of any nature, degree, or percentage of the body. Such reports shall be made
16 available to the office upon request.

17 D.

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19 (2) The office of state fire marshal may adopt rules and regulations as may
20 be necessary in carrying out the provisions of this Section. ~~Specifically such~~ Such

1 rules shall provide for cooperation with local investigatory and law enforcement
 2 agencies and may also authorize law enforcement personnel and the state fire
 3 marshal to review those medical records of reported victims that relate to the burn
 4 without the consent of the victim.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the office of state fire marshal to request reports of burn injuries or wounds from a hospital, burn center, sanitarium, or other medical facility.

Present law requires the reporting of cases of burn injuries or wounds in which a victim sustains second or third degree burns to five percent of the body or any burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of super-heated air, and in cases that may result in death, to the office of state fire marshal.

Present law further requires a report to be made within two hours of initial examination or treatment of the victim by a physician attending or treating the case, or by a manager, superintendent, director, or other person in charge when the case is treated in a hospital, burn center, sanitarium, or other medical facility.

Proposed law authorizes the office of state fire marshal to request reports of burn injuries or wounds, of any nature, degree, or percentage of the body, from a hospital, burn center, sanitarium, or other medical facility. Further requires the report to be made available to the office when requested.

(Amends R.S. 14:403.4(D)(2); Adds R.S. 14:403.4(C)(3))