



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 244

LCO No. 1890



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF INJURIES RESULTING FROM THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AND STAB WOUNDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Each hospital, outpatient surgical facility and outpatient clinic
4 shall report or cause a report to be made to the local police department
5 or the state police of each person treated for a bullet wound, a gunshot
6 wound or any injury arising from the discharge of a firearm or a stab
7 wound. Such report shall be made as soon as practicable after the
8 treatment is rendered and shall contain the name and address of the
9 injured person, if known, the nature and extent of the injury and the
10 circumstances under which the treatment was rendered.

11 (b) A report required under subsection (a) of this section shall
12 include:

13 (1) The name, residence, sex and age of the patient;

14 (2) The type of wound the patient received; and

15 (3) The name of each health care provider treating the patient's
16 wound.

17 (c) An employee of the hospital, outpatient surgical facility or
18 outpatient clinic shall ensure that any bullet or other foreign object or
19 clothing showing damage potentially related to the wound removed
20 from any such patient shall be identified as coming from such patient
21 and kept in a manner that preserves the integrity of the item, until an
22 employee of such entity surrenders the item to the local police
23 department or the state police or until the period for retention of such
24 item expires pursuant to such entity's policy for retention of such item,
25 whichever is earlier.

26 (d) Any hospital, outpatient surgical facility or outpatient clinic or
27 employee of any such entity who in good faith, and without gross
28 negligence or wilful or wanton misconduct, makes a report pursuant
29 to this section, cooperates during the course of an investigation or
30 proceeding concerning the reported wound, or preserves an item or
31 surrenders such item to the local police department or state police
32 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, shall be immune from civil or
33 criminal liability or any action for suspension, revocation or surrender
34 of any professional license, registration or certification held by such
35 entity or employee, arising from or related to the report, cooperation
36 with an investigation or proceeding or the preservation and surrender
37 of any such item.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	19a-490f

Statement of Purpose:

To expand current reporting procedures and evidence maintenance procedures concerning injuries resulting from the discharge of a

firearm and to include stab wound injuries as those wounds reported to local police departments or the state police.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]