

By: Senator(s) Posey

To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2787

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 45-9-31, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO REPORT INJURIES RELATED TO HUNTING OR
3 BOATING ACCIDENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND
4 PARKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** Section 45-9-31, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
7 amended as follows:

8 45-9-31. Any physician, surgeon, dentist, veterinarian,
9 paramedical employee, or nurse, or any employee of a hospital,
10 clinic, or any other medical institution or office where patients
11 regularly receive care, who treats, at any location, any human
12 being suffering from a wound or injury and who has reason to
13 believe or ought to know that the wound or injury was caused by
14 gunshot or knifing, or receiving a request for such treatment,
15 shall report the same immediately to the municipal police
16 department or sheriff's office of the municipality or county in
17 which such treatment is administered or request for such treatment
18 is received. If the wound or injury is the result of a hunting or
19 boating accident, the injury shall be reported immediately to the
20 Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

21 Any person making a report or the reports required by this
22 section shall be immune from civil liability for the making of the
23 said reports.

24 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
25 and after July 1, 2002.

