
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to notification given by hospitals to law enforcement agencies.

Present law provides that a hospital shall notify the appropriate arresting or investigating law enforcement agency that a doctor has ordered the discharge of a patient from the hospital as soon as reasonably possible after the order has been written, if all of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The law enforcement agency has certified in writing that the patient has been issued a summons or arrest warrant for an offense, but as a result of the need for emergency medical care, the warrant has not been executed prior to admission to the hospital.
- (2) The law enforcement agency has provided the hospital with a written request to be informed upon the discharge of the patient from the hospital.
- (3) The law enforcement agency has provided contact information for use by the hospital in making the notification.

Present law provides that no hospital shall be held civilly liable to any person for failure to comply or to timely comply with the requirements of present law unless that failure is intentional or due to gross negligence.

Present law provides for the definition of "hospital".

Proposed law retains present law and provides that as used in proposed law an "appropriate arresting or investigating law enforcement agency" shall include a bail enforcement agent as defined in present law (C.Cr.P. Art. 311(8)(A)).

(Adds R.S. 40:1187.1(D))