

SENATE BILL NO. 351

BY SENATORS THOMPSON AND DORSEY-COLOMB

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:403.4(B), (C)(1), and (D)(2), relative to offenses affecting  
3 law enforcement; to provide relative to reports of burn injuries to the office of state  
4 fire marshal; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:403.4(B), (C)(1), and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted  
7 to read as follows:

8 §403.4. Burn injuries and wounds; reports; registry; immunity; penalties

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10 B. ~~In every~~ **Every** case of a burn injury or wound in which the victim  
11 sustains second or third degree burns to five percent or more of the body or any  
12 burns to the upper respiratory tract or laryngeal edema due to the inhalation of super-  
13 heated air, and every case of a burn injury or wound ~~which~~ **that** is likely to or may  
14 result in death shall be reported to the office of state fire marshal, code enforcement  
15 and building safety, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "office". ~~That~~ **The**  
16 office ~~shall then immediately~~ **may** notify the appropriate local or state investigatory  
17 agency or law enforcement agency of the receipt of such report and its contents.

18 C.(1) ~~An oral~~ **A** report shall be made within ~~twenty-four~~ **two** hours of the  
19 **initial** examination or treatment of the victim. The report shall be made by the  
20 physician attending or treating the case, or by the manager, superintendent, director,  
21 or other person in charge whenever such case is treated in a hospital, burn center,  
22 sanitarium, or other medical facility. The report may be recorded electronically or  
23 in any other suitable manner, by the office of state fire marshal, ~~code enforcement~~  
24 ~~and building safety~~.

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D.  
(2) The office of state fire marshal, ~~code enforcement and building safety,~~  
may adopt rules and regulations as may be necessary in carrying out the provisions  
of this Section. Specifically such rules shall provide for cooperation with local  
investigatory and law enforcement agencies and may also authorize law enforcement  
personnel and the state fire marshal to review those medical records of reported  
victims ~~which~~ that relate to the burn without the consent of the victim.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_