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A Bill

SENATE BILL 271

4
5 By: Senator R. Thompson

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF THE BATTERING OF A
9 PREGNANT FEMALE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 TO REQUIRE THE REPORTING OF THE BATTERING
15 OF A PREGNANT FEMALE TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT
16 AGENCY.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Subtitle 2, Chapter 12, Subchapter
22 1 is amended to create new section to read as follows:

23 12-12-107. Reporting the battering of a pregnant female.

24 (a) A physician, surgeon, hospital, pharmacist, or other person or
25 entity that renders first aid treatment shall report as provided in
26 subsection (b) of this section a case of battery upon a female treated by the
27 person or entity or received in the hospital when the person or entity knows
28 or reasonably should know that the female is pregnant.

29 (b) A person or entity required to report under subsection (a) of this
30 section shall:

31 (1) Make the report to the county sheriff or a deputy county
32 sheriff or if within a city of the first class, to the chief of police of the
33 city or an officer of the city police department;

34 (2) Make the report by telephone immediately upon ascertaining
35 the pregnancy of the female or make the report in writing if unable to reach
36 a law enforcement officer because a telephone is not available or is



1 impractical; and

2 (3) Include in the report the name, age, race, and address of
3 the female, together with the name of any person bringing the female in for
4 treatment.

5 (c) A person violating this section upon conviction is guilty of a
6 violation and shall be fined in any amount not less than ten dollars (\$10.00)
7 nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

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