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SENATE BILL NO. 456

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHUPP.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to forensic examinations performed in certain hospitals.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 197.135, to read as follows:

**197.135. Any hospital licensed under this chapter and located
2 within fifty miles of a public or private postsecondary educational
3 institution shall perform a forensic examination using an evidentiary
4 collection kit upon the request and consent of the victim of a sexual
5 offense or the victim's guardian. An appropriate medical provider, as
6 such term is defined in section 595.220, shall perform the forensic
7 examination. The hospital may, as appropriate and necessary, utilize
8 telehealth services to provide guidance and support through a licensed
9 and trained Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), or other similarly
10 trained and licensed physician or nurse, who may observe the live
11 forensic examination and communicate with and support the onsite
12 provider with the forensic examination, forensic evidence collection,
13 and proper transmission and storage of the examination evidence. The
14 provisions of section 595.220 shall apply to the reimbursement of the
15 reasonable costs of the examinations and the provision of the
16 evidentiary collection kits.**

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