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AN ACT

To amend chapter 577, RSMo, relating to public safety offenses, by adding thereto one new section relating to leaving the scene of a shooting, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Chapter 577, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 577.068, to read as follows:

577.068. 1. A person commits the crime of leaving the scene of a shooting when, being in possession of a firearm or projectile weapon as defined in section 571.010, RSMo, such person discharges such firearm or projectile weapon and causes injury or death to another person and such person, knowing that he has caused such injury or death, leaves the place of the shooting without giving his name, address, and driver's license number, if applicable, to a law enforcement officer. If no such officer is in the vicinity where the shooting occurs, the person must provide such information to the nearest police station or law enforcement officer. A person is not in violation of this section if he leaves the scene of a shooting in order to obtain medical assistance or contact law enforcement authorities to notify them of the shooting, so long as such person returns to the scene of the shooting or otherwise provides the information required by this section to a law enforcement officer within a reasonable time after the shooting.

2. All peace officers and reserve peace officers certified under the provisions of chapter 590, RSMo, shall have authority to investigate shootings and arrest a person who violates subsection 1 of this section, except that conservation agents may enforce such provisions as to hunting related shootings. For the purpose of this section, a hunting related shooting shall be defined as any shooting in which a person is injured as a result of hunting activity that involves the discharge of a hunting weapon.

3. Leaving the scene of a shooting is a class A misdemeanor, except that it is a class D felony if the person has previously pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this section.

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