

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 540

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHNEIDER (Sponsor) AND DIEHL (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 577, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the crime of practicing medicine while intoxicated, with a penalty provision.

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
2 known as section 577.650, to read as follows:

**577.650. 1. A physician or other licensed health care professional commits the
2 crime of practicing medicine while intoxicated if he or she performs a surgical or medical
3 procedure upon a patient while in an intoxicated condition, as defined in section 577.001.**

**4 2. The crime of practicing medicine while intoxicated is a class B misdemeanor.
5 Any second or subsequent violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor. If a violation
6 of this section results in physical injury to a patient, the violation is a class C felony. Any
7 second or subsequent violation resulting in physical injury to a patient is a class B felony.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.