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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 221, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to reporting requirements for employees of jails, with a penalty provision.

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

Section A. Chapter 221, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 221.313, to read as follows:

**221.313. 1. When any employee of a county or city jail has
2 reasonable cause to believe that an offender in a county or city jail has
3 been abused, such employee shall immediately report it in writing to
4 the person defined in section 221.020 as having custody, rule, keeping,
5 and charge of the jail.**

**6 2. The written report shall contain the name and address of the
7 jail, the name of the offender, information regarding the nature of the
8 abuse, the name of the complainant, and any other information which
9 might be helpful in an investigation.**

**10 3. Any person required by subsection 1 of this section to report,
11 but who fails to do so within a reasonable time after the act of abuse is
12 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.**

**13 4. In addition to those persons required to report in subsection
14 1 of this section, any other person having reasonable cause to believe
15 that an offender has been abused may report such information as
16 provided under this section.**

**17 5. Upon receipt of a report, the person having custody, rule,
18 keeping, and charge of the jail shall initiate an investigation within
19 twenty-four hours.**

**20 6. If the investigation indicates possible abuse of an offender, the
21 investigator shall refer the complaint, together with a report, to the**

22 **person having custody, rule, keeping, and charge of the jail for**
23 **appropriate action.**

24 **7. Reports made pursuant to this section shall be confidential**
25 **and shall not be deemed a public record for purposes of chapter 610**
26 **and shall not be open for inspection under section 109.180.**

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