

REFERENCE TITLE: hospitals; unidentified patients; fingerprints

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Introduced by
Senator Shope

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-2414; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMISSION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 21, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-2414, to read:

4 41-2414. Unidentified patients; hospitals; criminal justice
5 agencies; fingerprints; biometric identification

6 A HOSPITAL THAT IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4 MAY
7 REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY AS DEFINED IN SECTION
8 41-1750 FOR NONCRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES TO DETERMINE THE IDENTITY OF AN
9 UNIDENTIFIED PATIENT WHO IS EITHER INCAPACITATED OR DECEASED THROUGH AN
10 ANALYSIS OF THE PATIENT'S FINGERPRINTS OR BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION
11 TECHNIQUES. THE HOSPITAL OR ANOTHER PERSON MAY FINGERPRINT OR OBTAIN THE
12 BIOMETRIC INFORMATION FROM THE UNIDENTIFIED PATIENT AND PROVIDE THE
13 FINGERPRINTS OR BIOMETRIC INFORMATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY
14 WITHOUT THE PATIENT'S CONSENT OR AUTHORIZATION. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
15 AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE UNIDENTIFIED PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL
16 BUT MAY NOT PROVIDE ANY OF THE PATIENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD. THE
17 REQUESTING HOSPITAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF FINGERPRINTING OR
18 OBTAINING THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION FROM THE PATIENT AND SHALL PAY THE FEE
19 THAT IS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1750, SUBSECTION J.