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~~health information organizations~~  
(now: hospitals; fingerprints; private investigators; identification)

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**CHAPTER 163**  
**SENATE BILL 1221**

AN ACT

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

(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. A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO TITLE  
12 32, CHAPTER 24 MAY FINGERPRINT OR OBTAIN THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION FROM  
13 THE UNIDENTIFIED PATIENT AND PROVIDE THE FINGERPRINTS OR BIOMETRIC  
14 INFORMATION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY WITHOUT THE PATIENT'S CONSENT  
15 OR AUTHORIZATION. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE NAME OF  
16 THE UNIDENTIFIED PATIENT TO THE HOSPITAL BUT MAY NOT PROVIDE ANY OF THE  
17 PATIENT'S CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD. THE REQUESTING HOSPITAL IS RESPONSIBLE  
18 FOR THE COST OF FINGERPRINTING OR OBTAINING THE BIOMETRIC INFORMATION FROM  
19 THE PATIENT AND SHALL PAY THE FEE THAT IS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
20 41-1750, SUBSECTION J.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR JUNE 5, 2023.

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