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Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR MANDATORY REPORTING OF SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE AND PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-451 of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) A mandatory reporter who has reasonable cause to suspect or
5 believe that any elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited or
6 abandoned, or is in a condition that is the result of such abuse, neglect,
7 exploitation or abandonment, or is in need of protective services, shall,
8 not later than [seventy-two] twelve hours after such suspicion or belief
9 arose, report such information or cause a report to be made in any
10 reasonable manner to the Commissioner of Social Services or to the
11 person or persons designated by the commissioner to receive such
12 reports. Any mandatory reporter who fails for the first time to make
13 such report within the prescribed time shall [be fined not more than five
14 hundred dollars, except that, if] retake the elder abuse training and

15 provide the commissioner with proof of successful completion of such
16 training. Any mandatory reporter who subsequently fails to make such
17 report within the prescribed time period shall be fined not more than
18 five hundred dollars and shall retake the mandatory training on
19 detecting potential abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment of
20 elderly persons and provide the commissioner with proof of successful
21 completion of such training. If such person intentionally fails to make
22 such report within the prescribed time period, such person shall be
23 guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A
24 misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Any institution, organization,
25 agency or facility employing individuals to care for persons sixty years
26 of age or older shall provide mandatory training on detecting potential
27 abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment of such persons and
28 inform such employees of their obligations under this section. For
29 purposes of this subsection, "mandatory reporter" means any (1)
30 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)
31 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not
32 so licensed, (3) registered nurse, (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's
33 aide or orderly in a nursing home facility or residential care home, (5)
34 person paid for caring for a resident in a nursing home facility or
35 residential care home, (6) staff person employed by a nursing home
36 facility or residential care home, (7) residents' advocate, other than a
37 representative of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, as
38 established under section 17a-405, including the State Ombudsman, (8)
39 licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, optometrist,
40 chiropractor, podiatrist, social worker, clergyman, police officer,
41 pharmacist, psychologist or physical therapist, (9) person paid for
42 caring for an elderly person by any institution, organization, agency or
43 facility, including but not limited to, any employee of a community-
44 based services provider, senior center, home care agency, homemaker
45 and companion agency, adult day care center, village-model
46 community and congregate housing facility, (10) person licensed or
47 certified as an emergency medical services provider pursuant to chapter
48 368d or 384d, including any such emergency medical services provider
49 who is a member of a municipal fire department, and (11) driver of a

50 paratransit vehicle, as defined in section 13b-38k.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	17b-451(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the time period in which a mandatory reporter of suspected abuse of an elderly person must report the abuse and modify the penalty for failure to report.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]