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LCO No. 4572



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS.

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 general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

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 twenty-four hours after such suspicion or belief arose,
9 report such information or cause a report to be made in any reasonable
10 manner to the Commissioner of Social Services or to the person or
11 persons designated by the commissioner to receive such reports. Any
12 mandatory reporter who fails for the first time to make such report
13 within the prescribed time shall retake the mandatory training on
14 detecting potential abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment of
15 elderly persons and provide the commissioner with proof of successful
16 completion of such training. Any mandatory reporter who subsequently

17 fails to make such report within the prescribed time period shall be fined
18 not more than five hundred dollars and shall retake the mandatory
19 training on detecting potential abuse, neglect, exploitation and
20 abandonment of elderly persons and provide the commissioner with
21 proof of successful completion of such training. If such person
22 intentionally fails to make such report within the prescribed time
23 period, such person shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first
24 offense and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Any
25 institution, organization, agency or facility employing individuals to
26 care for persons sixty years of age or older shall provide mandatory
27 training on detecting potential abuse, neglect, exploitation and
28 abandonment of such persons and inform such employees of their
29 obligations under this section. For purposes of this subsection,
30 "mandatory reporter" means any (1) physician or surgeon licensed
31 under the provisions of chapter 370, (2) resident physician or intern in
32 any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, (3) registered nurse,
33 (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or orderly in a nursing
34 home facility or residential care home, (5) person paid for caring for a
35 resident in a nursing home facility or residential care home, (6) staff
36 person employed by a nursing home facility or residential care home,
37 (7) residents' advocate, other than a representative of the Office of the
38 Long-Term Care Ombudsman, as established under section 17a-870,
39 including the State Ombudsman, (8) licensed practical nurse, medical
40 examiner, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, social worker,
41 [clergyman] member of the clergy, police officer, pharmacist,
42 psychologist or physical therapist, (9) person paid for caring for an
43 elderly person by any institution, organization, agency or facility,
44 including but not limited to, any employee of a community-based
45 services provider, senior center, home care agency, homemaker and
46 companion agency, adult day care center, village-model community
47 and congregate housing facility, (10) person licensed or certified as an
48 emergency medical services provider pursuant to chapter 368d or 384d,
49 including any such emergency medical services provider who is a
50 member of a municipal fire department, [and] (11) driver of a
51 paratransit vehicle, as defined in section 13b-38k, (12) licensed

52 professional counselor, (13) adult probation officer, (14) adult parole
53 officer, (15) physician assistant, (16) dental hygienist, and (17) resident
54 service coordinators and employees at housing authorities, municipal
55 developments and elderly housing projects.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	17b-451(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To add additional mandated reporters of suspected abuse, abandonment, neglect or exploitation of elderly persons and make a technical statutory change.

[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.]