

1 AN ACT concerning aging.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Adult Protective Services Act is amended by
5 changing Section 2 as follows:

6 (320 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 23, par. 6602)

7 Sec. 2. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
8 context requires otherwise:

9 (a) "Abuse" means causing any physical, mental or sexual
10 injury to an eligible adult, including exploitation of such
11 adult's financial resources.

12 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to mean that an
13 eligible adult is a victim of abuse, neglect, or self-neglect
14 for the sole reason that he or she is being furnished with or
15 relies upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone,
16 in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized
17 church or religious denomination.

18 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to mean that an
19 eligible adult is a victim of abuse because of health care
20 services provided or not provided by licensed health care
21 professionals.

22 (a-5) "Abuser" means a person who abuses, neglects, or
23 financially exploits an eligible adult.

1 (a-6) "Adult with disabilities" means a person aged 18
2 through 59 who resides in a domestic living situation and
3 whose disability as defined in subsection (c-5) impairs his or
4 her ability to seek or obtain protection from abuse, neglect,
5 or exploitation.

6 (a-7) "Caregiver" means a person who either as a result of
7 a family relationship, voluntarily, or in exchange for
8 compensation has assumed responsibility for all or a portion
9 of the care of an eligible adult who needs assistance with
10 activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily
11 living.

12 (b) "Department" means the Department on Aging of the
13 State of Illinois.

14 (c) "Director" means the Director of the Department.

15 (c-5) "Disability" means a physical or mental disability,
16 including, but not limited to, a developmental disability, an
17 intellectual disability, a mental illness as defined under the
18 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code, or dementia
19 as defined under the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Act.

20 (d) "Domestic living situation" means a residence where
21 the eligible adult at the time of the report lives alone or
22 with his or her family or a caregiver, or others, or other
23 community-based unlicensed facility, but is not:

24 (1) A licensed facility as defined in Section 1-113 of
25 the Nursing Home Care Act;

26 (1.5) A facility licensed under the ID/DD Community

1 Care Act;

2 (1.6) A facility licensed under the MC/DD Act;

3 (1.7) A facility licensed under the Specialized Mental
4 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013;

5 (2) A "life care facility" as defined in the Life Care
6 Facilities Act;

7 (3) A home, institution, or other place operated by
8 the federal government or agency thereof or by the State
9 of Illinois;

10 (4) A hospital, sanitarium, or other institution, the
11 principal activity or business of which is the diagnosis,
12 care, and treatment of human illness through the
13 maintenance and operation of organized facilities
14 therefor, which is required to be licensed under the
15 Hospital Licensing Act;

16 (5) A "community living facility" as defined in the
17 Community Living Facilities Licensing Act;

18 (6) (Blank);

19 (7) A "community-integrated living arrangement" as
20 defined in the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements
21 Licensure and Certification Act or a "community
22 residential alternative" as licensed under that Act;

23 (8) An assisted living or shared housing establishment
24 as defined in the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act;
25 or

26 (9) A supportive living facility as described in

1 Section 5-5.01a of the Illinois Public Aid Code.

2 (e) "Eligible adult" means either an adult with
3 disabilities aged 18 through 59 or a person aged 60 or older
4 who resides in a domestic living situation and is, or is
5 alleged to be, abused, neglected, or financially exploited by
6 another individual or who neglects himself or herself.
7 "Eligible adult" also includes an adult who resides in any of
8 the facilities that are excluded from the definition of
9 "domestic living situation" under paragraphs (1) through (9)
10 of subsection (d), if either: (i) the alleged abuse or neglect
11 occurs outside of the facility and not under facility
12 supervision and the alleged abuser is a family member,
13 caregiver, or another person who has a continuing relationship
14 with the adult; or (ii) the alleged financial exploitation is
15 perpetrated by a family member, caregiver, or another person
16 who has a continuing relationship with the adult, but who is
17 not an employee of the facility where the adult resides.

18 (f) "Emergency" means a situation in which an eligible
19 adult is living in conditions presenting a risk of death or
20 physical, mental or sexual injury and the provider agency has
21 reason to believe the eligible adult is unable to consent to
22 services which would alleviate that risk.

23 (f-1) "Financial exploitation" means the use of an
24 eligible adult's resources by another to the disadvantage of
25 that adult or the profit or advantage of a person other than
26 that adult.

1 (f-3) "Insurance adjuster" means any company adjuster,
2 independent adjuster, or public adjuster as defined in
3 paragraph (1) of subsection (f) of Section 1575 of the
4 Illinois Insurance Code.

5 (f-5) "Mandated reporter" means any of the following
6 persons while engaged in carrying out their professional
7 duties:

8 (1) a professional or professional's delegate while
9 engaged in: (i) social services, (ii) law enforcement,
10 (iii) education, (iv) the care of an eligible adult or
11 eligible adults, or (v) any of the occupations required to
12 be licensed under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act,
13 the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the
14 Illinois Dental Practice Act, the Dietitian Nutritionist
15 Practice Act, the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensing
16 Act, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Naprapathic
17 Practice Act, the Nurse Practice Act, the Nursing Home
18 Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act, the
19 Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, the Illinois
20 Optometric Practice Act of 1987, the Pharmacy Practice
21 Act, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the Physician
22 Assistant Practice Act of 1987, the Podiatric Medical
23 Practice Act of 1987, the Respiratory Care Practice Act,
24 the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional
25 Counselor Licensing and Practice Act, the Illinois
26 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, the

1 Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004, and
2 the Illinois Public Accounting Act;

3 (1.5) an employee of an entity providing developmental
4 disabilities services or service coordination funded by
5 the Department of Human Services;

6 (2) an employee of a vocational rehabilitation
7 facility prescribed or supervised by the Department of
8 Human Services;

9 (3) an administrator, employee, or person providing
10 services in or through an unlicensed community based
11 facility;

12 (4) any religious practitioner who provides treatment
13 by prayer or spiritual means alone in accordance with the
14 tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious
15 denomination, except as to information received in any
16 confession or sacred communication enjoined by the
17 discipline of the religious denomination to be held
18 confidential;

19 (5) field personnel of the Department of Healthcare
20 and Family Services, Department of Public Health, and
21 Department of Human Services, and any county or municipal
22 health department;

23 (6) personnel of the Department of Human Services, the
24 Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the State Fire
25 Marshal, local fire departments, the Department on Aging
26 and its subsidiary Area Agencies on Aging and provider

1 agencies, excluding the State Long Term Care Ombudsman and
2 all representatives of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman
3 Program; and the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman;

4 (7) any employee of the State of Illinois not
5 otherwise specified herein who is involved in providing
6 services to eligible adults, including professionals
7 providing medical or rehabilitation services and all other
8 persons having direct contact with eligible adults;

9 (8) a person who performs the duties of a coroner or
10 medical examiner; ~~or~~

11 (9) a person who performs the duties of a paramedic or
12 an emergency medical technician; ~~or~~

13 (10) a person who performs the duties of an investment
14 advisor; or

15 (11) a person who performs the duties of an insurance
16 adjuster.

17 (g) "Neglect" means another individual's failure to
18 provide an eligible adult with or willful withholding from an
19 eligible adult the necessities of life including, but not
20 limited to, food, clothing, shelter or health care. This
21 subsection does not create any new affirmative duty to provide
22 support to eligible adults. Nothing in this Act shall be
23 construed to mean that an eligible adult is a victim of neglect
24 because of health care services provided or not provided by
25 licensed health care professionals.

26 (h) "Provider agency" means any public or nonprofit agency

1 in a planning and service area that is selected by the
2 Department or appointed by the regional administrative agency
3 with prior approval by the Department on Aging to receive and
4 assess reports of alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, or
5 financial exploitation. A provider agency is also referenced
6 as a "designated agency" in this Act.

7 (i) "Regional administrative agency" means any public or
8 nonprofit agency in a planning and service area that provides
9 regional oversight and performs functions as set forth in
10 subsection (b) of Section 3 of this Act. The Department shall
11 designate an Area Agency on Aging as the regional
12 administrative agency or, in the event the Area Agency on
13 Aging in that planning and service area is deemed by the
14 Department to be unwilling or unable to provide those
15 functions, the Department may serve as the regional
16 administrative agency or designate another qualified entity to
17 serve as the regional administrative agency; any such
18 designation shall be subject to terms set forth by the
19 Department.

20 (i-5) "Self-neglect" means a condition that is the result
21 of an eligible adult's inability, due to physical or mental
22 impairments, or both, or a diminished capacity, to perform
23 essential self-care tasks that substantially threaten his or
24 her own health, including: providing essential food, clothing,
25 shelter, and health care; and obtaining goods and services
26 necessary to maintain physical health, mental health,

1 emotional well-being, and general safety. The term includes
2 compulsive hoarding, which is characterized by the acquisition
3 and retention of large quantities of items and materials that
4 produce an extensively cluttered living space, which
5 significantly impairs the performance of essential self-care
6 tasks or otherwise substantially threatens life or safety.

7 (j) "Substantiated case" means a reported case of alleged
8 or suspected abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, or
9 self-neglect in which a provider agency, after assessment,
10 determines that there is reason to believe abuse, neglect, or
11 financial exploitation has occurred.

12 (k) "Verified" means a determination that there is "clear
13 and convincing evidence" that the specific injury or harm
14 alleged was the result of abuse, neglect, or financial
15 exploitation.

16 (Source: P.A. 99-180, eff. 7-29-15; 100-641, eff. 1-1-19.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
18 becoming law.