

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by  
5 changing Sections 12-4.4a and 17-56 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-4.4a)

7 Sec. 12-4.4a. Abuse or criminal neglect of a long term  
8 care facility resident; criminal abuse or neglect of an  
9 elderly person or person with a disability.

10 (a) Abuse or criminal neglect of a long term care facility  
11 resident.

12 (1) A person or an owner or licensee commits abuse of a  
13 long term care facility resident when he or she knowingly  
14 causes any physical or mental injury to, or commits any  
15 sexual offense in this Code against, a resident.

16 (2) A person or an owner or licensee commits criminal  
17 neglect of a long term care facility resident when he or  
18 she recklessly:

19 (A) performs acts that cause a resident's life to  
20 be endangered, health to be injured, or pre-existing  
21 physical or mental condition to deteriorate, or that  
22 create the substantial likelihood that a resident's ~~an~~  
23 ~~elderly person's or person with a disability's~~ life

1 will be endangered, health will be injured, or  
2 pre-existing physical or mental condition will  
3 deteriorate;

4 (B) fails to perform acts that he or she knows or  
5 reasonably should know are necessary to maintain or  
6 preserve the life or health of a resident, and that  
7 failure causes the resident's life to be endangered,  
8 health to be injured, or pre-existing physical or  
9 mental condition to deteriorate, or that create the  
10 substantial likelihood that a resident's ~~an elderly~~  
11 ~~person's or person with a disability's~~ life will be  
12 endangered, health will be injured, or pre-existing  
13 physical or mental condition will deteriorate; or

14 (C) abandons a resident.

15 (3) A person or an owner or licensee commits neglect  
16 of a long term care facility resident when he or she  
17 negligently fails to provide adequate medical care,  
18 personal care, or maintenance to the resident which  
19 results in physical or mental injury or deterioration of  
20 the resident's physical or mental condition. An owner or  
21 licensee is guilty under this subdivision (a) (3), however,  
22 only if the owner or licensee failed to exercise  
23 reasonable care in the hiring, training, supervising, or  
24 providing of staff or other related routine administrative  
25 responsibilities.

26 (b) Criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly person or

1 person with a disability.

2 (1) A caregiver commits criminal abuse or neglect of  
3 an elderly person or person with a disability when he or  
4 she knowingly does any of the following:

5 (A) performs acts that cause the person's life to  
6 be endangered, health to be injured, or pre-existing  
7 physical or mental condition to deteriorate;

8 (B) fails to perform acts that he or she knows or  
9 reasonably should know are necessary to maintain or  
10 preserve the life or health of the person, and that  
11 failure causes the person's life to be endangered,  
12 health to be injured, or pre-existing physical or  
13 mental condition to deteriorate;

14 (C) abandons the person;

15 (D) physically abuses, harasses, intimidates, or  
16 interferes with the personal liberty of the person; or

17 (E) exposes the person to willful deprivation.

18 (2) It is not a defense to criminal abuse or neglect of  
19 an elderly person or person with a disability that the  
20 caregiver reasonably believed that the victim was not an  
21 elderly person or person with a disability.

22 (c) Offense not applicable.

23 (1) Nothing in this Section applies to a physician  
24 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a  
25 duly licensed nurse providing care within the scope of his  
26 or her professional judgment and within the accepted

1 standards of care within the community.

2 (2) Nothing in this Section imposes criminal liability  
3 on a caregiver who made a good faith effort to provide for  
4 the health and personal care of an elderly person or  
5 person with a disability, but through no fault of his or  
6 her own was unable to provide such care.

7 (3) Nothing in this Section applies to the medical  
8 supervision, regulation, or control of the remedial care  
9 or treatment of residents in a long term care facility  
10 conducted for those who rely upon treatment by prayer or  
11 spiritual means in accordance with the creed or tenets of  
12 any well-recognized church or religious denomination as  
13 described in Section 3-803 of the Nursing Home Care Act,  
14 Section 1-102 of the Specialized Mental Health  
15 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, Section 3-803 of the ID/DD  
16 Community Care Act, or Section 3-803 of the MC/DD Act.

17 (4) Nothing in this Section prohibits a caregiver from  
18 providing treatment to an elderly person or person with a  
19 disability by spiritual means through prayer alone and  
20 care consistent therewith in lieu of medical care and  
21 treatment in accordance with the tenets and practices of  
22 any church or religious denomination of which the elderly  
23 person or person with a disability is a member.

24 (5) Nothing in this Section limits the remedies  
25 available to the victim under the Illinois Domestic  
26 Violence Act of 1986.

1 (d) Sentence.

2 (1) Long term care facility. Abuse of a long term care  
3 facility resident is a Class 3 felony. Criminal neglect of  
4 a long term care facility resident is a Class 4 felony,  
5 unless it results in the resident's death in which case it  
6 is a Class 3 felony. Neglect of a long term care facility  
7 resident is a petty offense.

8 (2) Caregiver. Criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly  
9 person or person with a disability is a Class 3 felony,  
10 unless it results in the person's death in which case it is  
11 a Class 2 felony, and if imprisonment is imposed it shall  
12 be for a minimum term of 3 years and a maximum term of 14  
13 years.

14 (e) Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

15 "Abandon" means to desert or knowingly forsake a resident  
16 or an elderly person or person with a disability under  
17 circumstances in which a reasonable person would continue to  
18 provide care and custody.

19 "Caregiver" means a person who has a duty to provide for an  
20 elderly person or person with a disability's health and  
21 personal care, at the elderly person or person with a  
22 disability's place of residence, including, but not limited  
23 to, food and nutrition, shelter, hygiene, prescribed  
24 medication, and medical care and treatment, and includes any  
25 of the following:

26 (1) A parent, spouse, adult child, or other relative

1 by blood or marriage who resides with or resides in the  
2 same building with or regularly visits the elderly person  
3 or person with a disability, knows or reasonably should  
4 know of such person's physical or mental impairment, and  
5 knows or reasonably should know that such person is unable  
6 to adequately provide for his or her own health and  
7 personal care.

8 (2) A person who is employed by the elderly person or  
9 person with a disability or by another to reside with or  
10 regularly visit the elderly person or person with a  
11 disability and provide for such person's health and  
12 personal care.

13 (3) A person who has agreed for consideration to  
14 reside with or regularly visit the elderly person or  
15 person with a disability and provide for such person's  
16 health and personal care.

17 (4) A person who has been appointed by a private or  
18 public agency or by a court of competent jurisdiction to  
19 provide for the elderly person or person with a  
20 disability's health and personal care.

21 "Caregiver" does not include a long-term care facility  
22 licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act or a  
23 facility licensed or certified under the ID/DD Community Care  
24 Act, the MC/DD Act, or the Specialized Mental Health  
25 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, or any administrative, medical, or  
26 other personnel of such a facility, or a health care provider

1 who is licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 and  
2 renders care in the ordinary course of his or her profession.

3 "Elderly person" means a person 60 years of age or older  
4 who is incapable of adequately providing for his or her own  
5 health and personal care.

6 "Licensee" means the individual or entity licensed to  
7 operate a facility under the Nursing Home Care Act, the  
8 Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the  
9 ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, or the Assisted  
10 Living and Shared Housing Act.

11 "Long term care facility" means a private home,  
12 institution, building, residence, or other place, whether  
13 operated for profit or not, or a county home for the infirm and  
14 chronically ill operated pursuant to Division 5-21 or 5-22 of  
15 the Counties Code, or any similar institution operated by the  
16 State of Illinois or a political subdivision thereof, which  
17 provides, through its ownership or management, personal care,  
18 sheltered care, or nursing for 3 or more persons not related to  
19 the owner by blood or marriage. The term also includes skilled  
20 nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities as defined  
21 in Titles XVIII and XIX of the federal Social Security Act and  
22 assisted living establishments and shared housing  
23 establishments licensed under the Assisted Living and Shared  
24 Housing Act.

25 "Owner" means the owner of a long term care facility as  
26 provided in the Nursing Home Care Act, the owner of a facility

1 as provided under the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation  
2 Act of 2013, the owner of a facility as provided in the ID/DD  
3 Community Care Act, the owner of a facility as provided in the  
4 MC/DD Act, or the owner of an assisted living or shared housing  
5 establishment as provided in the Assisted Living and Shared  
6 Housing Act.

7 "Person with a disability" means a person who suffers from  
8 a permanent physical or mental impairment, resulting from  
9 disease, injury, functional disorder, or congenital condition,  
10 which renders the person incapable of adequately providing for  
11 his or her own health and personal care.

12 "Resident" means a person residing in a long term care  
13 facility.

14 "Willful deprivation" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
15 paragraph (15) of Section 103 of the Illinois Domestic  
16 Violence Act of 1986.

17 (Source: P.A. 98-104, eff. 7-22-13; 99-180, eff. 7-29-15;  
18 99-642, eff. 7-28-16.)

19 (720 ILCS 5/17-56) (was 720 ILCS 5/16-1.3)

20 Sec. 17-56. Financial exploitation of an elderly person or  
21 a person with a disability.

22 (a) A person commits financial exploitation of an elderly  
23 person or a person with a disability when he or she stands in a  
24 position of trust or confidence with the elderly person or a  
25 person with a disability and he or she knowingly:



1           (1) by deception or intimidation obtains control over  
2           the property of an elderly person or a person with a  
3           disability; or

4           (2) illegally uses the assets or resources of an  
5           elderly person or a person with a disability.

6           (b) Sentence. Financial exploitation of an elderly person  
7           or a person with a disability is: (1) a Class 4 felony if the  
8           value of the property is \$300 or less, (2) a Class 3 felony if  
9           the value of the property is more than \$300 but less than  
10          \$5,000, (3) a Class 2 felony if the value of the property is  
11          \$5,000 or more but less than \$50,000, and (4) a Class 1 felony  
12          if the value of the property is \$50,000 or more or if the  
13          elderly person is ~~over~~ 70 years of age or older and the value  
14          of the property is \$15,000 or more or if the elderly person is  
15          80 years of age or older and the value of the property is  
16          \$5,000 or more.

17          (c) For purposes of this Section:

18           (1) "Elderly person" means a person 60 years of age or  
19           older.

20           (2) "Person with a disability" means a person who  
21           suffers from a physical or mental impairment resulting  
22           from disease, injury, functional disorder or congenital  
23           condition that impairs the individual's mental or physical  
24           ability to independently manage his or her property or  
25           financial resources, or both.

26           (3) "Intimidation" means the communication to an

1 elderly person or a person with a disability that he or she  
2 shall be deprived of food and nutrition, shelter,  
3 prescribed medication or medical care and treatment or  
4 conduct as provided in Section 12-6 of this Code.

5 (4) "Deception" means, in addition to its meaning as  
6 defined in Section 15-4 of this Code, a misrepresentation  
7 or concealment of material fact relating to the terms of a  
8 contract or agreement entered into with the elderly person  
9 or person with a disability or to the existing or  
10 pre-existing condition of any of the property involved in  
11 such contract or agreement; or the use or employment of  
12 any misrepresentation, false pretense or false promise in  
13 order to induce, encourage or solicit the elderly person  
14 or person with a disability to enter into a contract or  
15 agreement.

16 The illegal use of the assets or resources of an elderly  
17 person or a person with a disability includes, but is not  
18 limited to, the misappropriation of those assets or resources  
19 by undue influence, breach of a fiduciary relationship, fraud,  
20 deception, extortion, or use of the assets or resources  
21 contrary to law.

22 A person stands in a position of trust and confidence with  
23 an elderly person or person with a disability when he (i) is a  
24 parent, spouse, adult child or other relative by blood or  
25 marriage of the elderly person or person with a disability,  
26 (ii) is a joint tenant or tenant in common with the elderly

1 person or person with a disability, (iii) has a legal or  
2 fiduciary relationship with the elderly person or person with  
3 a disability, (iv) is a financial planning or investment  
4 professional, (v) is a paid or unpaid caregiver for the  
5 elderly person or person with a disability, or (vi) is a friend  
6 or acquaintance in a position of trust.

7 (d) Limitations. Nothing in this Section shall be  
8 construed to limit the remedies available to the victim under  
9 the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

10 (e) Good faith efforts. Nothing in this Section shall be  
11 construed to impose criminal liability on a person who has  
12 made a good faith effort to assist the elderly person or person  
13 with a disability in the management of his or her property, but  
14 through no fault of his or her own has been unable to provide  
15 such assistance.

16 (f) Not a defense. It shall not be a defense to financial  
17 exploitation of an elderly person or person with a disability  
18 that the accused reasonably believed that the victim was not  
19 an elderly person or person with a disability. Consent is not a  
20 defense to financial exploitation of an elderly person or a  
21 person with a disability if the accused knew or had reason to  
22 know that the elderly person or a person with a disability  
23 lacked capacity to consent.

24 (g) Civil Liability. A civil cause of action exists for  
25 financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a  
26 disability as described in subsection (a) of this Section. A

1 person against whom a civil judgment has been entered for  
2 financial exploitation of an elderly person or person with a  
3 disability shall be liable to the victim or to the estate of  
4 the victim in damages of treble the amount of the value of the  
5 property obtained, plus reasonable attorney fees and court  
6 costs. In a civil action under this subsection, the burden of  
7 proof that the defendant committed financial exploitation of  
8 an elderly person or a person with a disability as described in  
9 subsection (a) of this Section shall be by a preponderance of  
10 the evidence. This subsection shall be operative whether or  
11 not the defendant has been charged or convicted of the  
12 criminal offense as described in subsection (a) of this  
13 Section. This subsection (g) shall not limit or affect the  
14 right of any person to bring any cause of action or seek any  
15 remedy available under the common law, or other applicable  
16 law, arising out of the financial exploitation of an elderly  
17 person or a person with a disability.

18 (h) If a person is charged with financial exploitation of  
19 an elderly person or a person with a disability that involves  
20 the taking or loss of property valued at more than \$5,000, a  
21 prosecuting attorney may file a petition with the circuit  
22 court of the county in which the defendant has been charged to  
23 freeze the assets of the defendant in an amount equal to but  
24 not greater than the alleged value of lost or stolen property  
25 in the defendant's pending criminal proceeding for purposes of  
26 restitution to the victim. The burden of proof required to

1 freeze the defendant's assets shall be by a preponderance of  
2 the evidence.

3 (Source: P.A. 101-394, eff. 1-1-20; 102-244, eff. 1-1-22.)