

1 AN ACT in relation to aging.

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

4 Section 5. The Elder Abuse and Neglect Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 3 as follows:

6 (320 ILCS 20/3) (from Ch. 23, par. 6603)

7 Sec. 3. Responsibilities.

8 (a) The Department shall establish, design and manage a  
9 program of response and services for persons 60 years of age  
10 and older who have been, or are alleged to be, victims of  
11 abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation. The Department  
12 shall contract with or fund or, contract with and fund,  
13 regional administrative agencies, provider agencies, or both,  
14 for the provision of those functions, and, contingent on  
15 adequate funding, with attorneys or legal services provider  
16 agencies for the provision of legal assistance pursuant to  
17 this Act.

18 (b) Each regional administrative agency shall designate  
19 provider agencies within its planning and service area with  
20 prior approval by the Department on Aging, monitor the use of  
21 services, provide technical assistance to the provider  
22 agencies and be involved in program development activities.

23 (c) Provider agencies shall assist, to the extent  
24 possible, eligible adults who need agency services to allow  
25 them to continue to function independently. Such assistance  
26 shall include but not be limited to receiving reports of  
27 alleged or suspected abuse, neglect, or financial  
28 exploitation, conducting face-to-face assessments of such  
29 reported cases, determination of substantiated cases,  
30 referral of substantiated cases for necessary support  
31 services, referral of criminal conduct to law enforcement in

1 accordance with Department guidelines, and provision of case  
2 work and follow-up services on substantiated cases.

3 (d) The Department shall establish and maintain a  
4 clearinghouse for all reports of elder abuse, neglect, or  
5 financial exploitation. Every State agency must report to the  
6 clearinghouse all cases of confirmed elder abuse, neglect, or  
7 financial exploitation known to the agency. As used in this  
8 subsection, "State agency" has the meaning attributed to that  
9 term in the Illinois State Auditing Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 90-628, eff. 1-1-99.)

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.