

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.