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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

320 ILCS 20/2	from Ch. 23, par. 6602
320 ILCS 20/4	from Ch. 23, par. 6604
320 ILCS 20/5	from Ch. 23, par. 6605
320 ILCS 20/8	from Ch. 23, par. 6608
320 ILCS 20/8.5 new	
320 ILCS 20/9	from Ch. 23, par. 6609
320 ILCS 20/13	
720 ILCS 5/16-1.3	from Ch. 38, par. 16-1.3

Amends the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act and the Criminal Code of 1961. In the Elder Abuse and Neglect Act: (1) in the definition of "mandated reporter", removes references to "professional" and adds certain financial institutions as mandated reporters; (2) adds definitions of "protective services" and "self-neglect", and requires that suspected self-neglect be reported under the Act; (3) requires that a law enforcement officer accompany the representative of a provider agency on the first visit to a victim; (4) makes changes concerning the investigation of reports under the Act; (5) adds entities entitled to access to records of reports under the Act; (6) provides for cooperation between the Department on Aging and local law enforcement agencies; (7) authorizes actions to be taken in an emergency; and (8) makes other changes. In provisions of the Criminal Code of 1961 concerning the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person with a disability, (i) in the definition of "person with a disability", removes a reference to a "permanent" impairment and (ii) provides that "intimidation" also means the communication to an elderly person or a person with a disability that he or she will be unnecessarily moved from his or her current residence to another residence or to a facility.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 Elder Abuse and Neglect Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 13 and by adding Section  
6 8.5 as follows:

7 (320 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 23, par. 6602)

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

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

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

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

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

25 (a-7) "Caregiver" means a person who either as a result of  
26 a family relationship, voluntarily, or in exchange for  
27 compensation has assumed responsibility for all or a portion of  
28 the care of an eligible adult who needs assistance with  
29 activities of daily living.

30 (b) "Department" means the Department on Aging of the State  
31 of Illinois.

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

1 (d) "Domestic living situation" means a residence where the  
2 eligible adult lives alone or with his or her family or a  
3 caregiver, or others, or a board and care home or other  
4 community-based unlicensed facility, but is not:

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

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

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

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

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

20 (6) A "community residential alternative" as defined  
21 in the Community Residential Alternatives Licensing Act;  
22 and

23 (7) A "community-integrated living arrangement" as  
24 defined in the Community-Integrated Living Arrangements  
25 Licensure and Certification Act.

26 (e) "Eligible adult" means a person 60 years of age or  
27 older who resides in a domestic living situation and is, or is  
28 alleged to be, abused, neglected, or financially exploited by  
29 another individual.

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

35 (f-5) "Mandated reporter" means any of the following  
36 persons while engaged in carrying out their ~~professional~~

1 duties:

2 (1) a person ~~professional or professional's delegate~~  
3 while engaged in: (i) social services, (ii) law  
4 enforcement, (iii) education, (iv) the care of an eligible  
5 adult or eligible adults, or (v) any of the occupations  
6 required to be licensed under the Clinical Psychologist  
7 Licensing Act, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work  
8 Practice Act, the Illinois Dental Practice Act, the  
9 Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act, the Marriage  
10 and Family Therapy Licensing Act, the Medical Practice Act  
11 of 1987, the Naprapathic Practice Act, the Nursing and  
12 Advanced Practice Nursing Act, the Nursing Home  
13 Administrators Licensing and Disciplinary Act, the  
14 Illinois Occupational Therapy Practice Act, the Illinois  
15 Optometric Practice Act of 1987, the Pharmacy Practice Act  
16 of 1987, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the Physician  
17 Assistant Practice Act of 1987, the Podiatric Medical  
18 Practice Act of 1987, the Respiratory Care Practice Act,  
19 the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional  
20 Counselor Licensing Act, the Illinois Speech-Language  
21 Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, the Veterinary  
22 Medicine and Surgery Practice Act of 2004, and the Illinois  
23 Public Accounting Act;

24 (2) an employee of a vocational rehabilitation  
25 facility prescribed or supervised by the Department of  
26 Human Services;

27 (3) an administrator, employee, or person providing  
28 services in or through an unlicensed community based  
29 facility;

30 (4) a Christian Science Practitioner;

31 (5) field personnel of the Department of Public Aid,  
32 Department of Public Health, and Department of Human  
33 Services, and any county or municipal health department;

34 (6) personnel of the Department of Human Services, the  
35 Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the State Fire  
36 Marshal, local fire departments, the Department on Aging

1 and its subsidiary Area Agencies on Aging and provider  
2 agencies, and the Office of State Long Term Care Ombudsman;

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

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

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

12 (10) any bank, savings and loan, or credit union  
13 officer, trustee, or employee; or

14 (11) any ambulatory currency exchange or community  
15 currency exchange, as defined in the Currency Exchange Act,  
16 or the employees of such a currency exchange.

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 medical 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 (g-5) "Protective services" means services to protect an  
27 eligible adult from further occurrences of abuse,  
28 self-neglect, neglect, or financial exploitation. Such  
29 services may include, but are not limited to, protective  
30 supervision, placement, and in-home or community-based  
31 services.

32 (h) "Provider agency" means any public or nonprofit agency  
33 in a planning and service area appointed by the regional  
34 administrative agency with prior approval by the Department on  
35 Aging to receive and assess reports of alleged or suspected  
36 abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

1 (i) "Regional administrative agency" means any public or  
2 nonprofit agency in a planning and service area so designated  
3 by the Department, provided that the designated Area Agency on  
4 Aging shall be designated the regional administrative agency if  
5 it so requests. The Department shall assume the functions of  
6 the regional administrative agency for any planning and service  
7 area where another agency is not so designated.

8 (i-5) "Self-neglect" means an eligible person's failure,  
9 without respect to cause, to perform essential self-care tasks,  
10 including, but not limited to: providing essential food  
11 clothing, shelter, and medical care; obtaining goods and  
12 services necessary to maintain physical health, mental health,  
13 emotional well-being, and general safety; or managing  
14 financial affairs.

15 (j) "Substantiated case" means a reported case of alleged  
16 or suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in which  
17 a provider agency, after assessment, determines that there is  
18 reason to believe abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation has  
19 occurred.

20 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 93-281 eff. 12-31-03;  
21 93-300, eff. 1-1-04; revised 9-22-03.)

22 (320 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 23, par. 6604)

23 Sec. 4. Reports of abuse or neglect.

24 (a) Any person who suspects the abuse, self-neglect,  
25 neglect, or financial exploitation of an eligible adult may  
26 report this suspicion to an agency designated to receive such  
27 reports under this Act or to the Department.

28 (a-5) If any mandated reporter has reason to believe that  
29 an eligible adult, ~~who because of dysfunction is unable to seek~~  
30 ~~assistance for himself or herself,~~ has, within the previous 12  
31 months, been subjected to abuse, self-neglect, neglect, or  
32 financial exploitation, the mandated reporter shall, within 24  
33 hours after developing such belief, report this suspicion to an  
34 agency designated to receive such reports under this Act or to  
35 the Department. Whenever a mandated reporter is required to

1 report under this Act in his or her capacity as a member of the  
2 staff of a medical or other public or private institution,  
3 facility, board and care home, or agency, he or she shall make  
4 a report to an agency designated to receive such reports under  
5 this Act or to the Department in accordance with the provisions  
6 of this Act and may also notify the person in charge of the  
7 institution, facility, board and care home, or agency or his or  
8 her designated agent that the report has been made. Under no  
9 circumstances shall any person in charge of such institution,  
10 facility, board and care home, or agency, or his or her  
11 designated agent to whom the notification has been made,  
12 exercise any control, restraint, modification, or other change  
13 in the report or the forwarding of the report to an agency  
14 designated to receive such reports under this Act or to the  
15 Department. The privileged quality of communication between  
16 any professional person required to report and his or her  
17 patient or client shall not apply to situations involving  
18 abused, self-neglected, neglected, or financially exploited  
19 eligible adults and shall not constitute grounds for failure to  
20 report as required by this Act.

21 (a-7) A person making a report under this Act in the belief  
22 that it is in the alleged victim's best interest shall be  
23 immune from criminal or civil liability or professional  
24 disciplinary action on account of making the report,  
25 notwithstanding any requirements concerning the  
26 confidentiality of information with respect to such eligible  
27 adult which might otherwise be applicable.

28 (a-9) Law enforcement officers shall continue to report  
29 incidents of alleged abuse pursuant to the Illinois Domestic  
30 Violence Act of 1986, notwithstanding any requirements under  
31 this Act.

32 (b) Any person, institution or agency participating in the  
33 making of a report, providing information or records related to  
34 a report, assessment, or services, or participating in the  
35 investigation of a report under this Act in good faith, or  
36 taking photographs or x-rays as a result of an authorized

1 assessment, shall have immunity from any civil, criminal or  
2 other liability in any civil, criminal or other proceeding  
3 brought in consequence of making such report or assessment or  
4 on account of submitting or otherwise disclosing such  
5 photographs or x-rays to any agency designated to receive  
6 reports of alleged or suspected abuse or neglect. Any person,  
7 institution or agency authorized by the Department to provide  
8 assessment, intervention, or administrative services under  
9 this Act shall, in the good faith performance of those  
10 services, have immunity from any civil, criminal or other  
11 liability in any civil, criminal, or other proceeding brought  
12 as a consequence of the performance of those services. For the  
13 purposes of any civil, criminal, or other proceeding, the good  
14 faith of any person required to report, permitted to report, or  
15 participating in an investigation of a report of alleged or  
16 suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation shall be  
17 presumed.

18 (c) The identity of a person making a report of alleged or  
19 suspected abuse or neglect under this Act may be disclosed by  
20 the Department or other agency provided for in this Act only  
21 with such person's written consent or by court order.

22 (d) The Department shall by rule establish a system for  
23 filing and compiling reports made under this Act.

24 (e) Any physician who willfully fails to report as required  
25 by this Act shall be referred to the Illinois State Medical  
26 Disciplinary Board for action in accordance with subdivision  
27 (A)(22) of Section 22 of the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Any  
28 dentist or dental hygienist who willfully fails to report as  
29 required by this Act shall be referred to the Department of  
30 Professional Regulation for action in accordance with  
31 paragraph 19 of Section 23 of the Illinois Dental Practice Act.  
32 Any other mandated reporter required by this Act to report  
33 suspected abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation who  
34 willfully fails to report the same is guilty of a Class A  
35 misdemeanor.

36 (Source: P.A. 93-300, eff. 1-1-04; 93-301, eff. 1-1-04.)



1 (320 ILCS 20/5) (from Ch. 23, par. 6605)

2 Sec. 5. Procedure.

3 (a) A provider agency designated to receive reports of  
4 alleged or suspected abuse, self-neglect, neglect, or  
5 financial exploitation under this Act shall, upon receiving  
6 such a report, conduct a face-to-face assessment with respect  
7 to such report. The assessment shall include, but not be  
8 limited to, a visit to the residence of the eligible adult who  
9 is the subject of the report and may include interviews or  
10 consultations with service agencies or individuals who may have  
11 knowledge of the eligible adult's circumstances. A law  
12 enforcement officer shall accompany the representative of the  
13 provider agency on the first visit to the alleged victim. If,  
14 after the assessment, the provider agency determines that the  
15 case is substantiated it shall develop a service care plan for  
16 the eligible adult. In developing the plan, the provider agency  
17 may consult with any other appropriate provider of services,  
18 and such providers shall be immune from civil or criminal  
19 liability on account of such acts. The plan shall include  
20 alternative suggested or recommended services which are  
21 appropriate to the needs of the eligible adult and which  
22 involve the least restriction of the eligible adult's  
23 activities commensurate with his or her needs. Only those  
24 services to which consent is provided in accordance with  
25 Section 9 of this Act shall be provided, contingent upon the  
26 availability of such services.

27 (b) A provider agency shall refer evidence of crimes  
28 against an eligible adult to the appropriate law enforcement  
29 agency according to Department policies. A referral to law  
30 enforcement may be made at intake or any time during the case.  
31 Where a provider agency has reason to believe the death of an  
32 eligible adult may be the result of abuse or neglect, the  
33 agency shall immediately report the matter to the coroner or  
34 medical examiner and shall cooperate fully with any subsequent  
35 investigation.

1       (c) If any person refuses to allow the provider agency to  
2 begin an investigation, interferes with the provider agency's  
3 ability to conduct an investigation, or refuses to give access  
4 to an eligible adult, the appropriate law enforcement agency  
5 must be contacted to assist in the investigation.

6       (d) A representative of a provider agency or a law  
7 enforcement officer, while investigating a report of alleged or  
8 suspected abuse, self-neglect, neglect, or financial  
9 exploitation, may take or cause to be taken photographs,  
10 videotapes, and digital or electronic recordings of the  
11 eligible adult, and of his or her environment, that are  
12 relevant to the investigation. All photographs, videotapes,  
13 and digital or electronic recordings taken during the course of  
14 the investigation are to be treated as records and shall be  
15 used only as other records are allowed to be used under this  
16 Act.

17       (e) If a provider agency has reason to believe that records  
18 not in its possession would be of assistance in an  
19 investigation of suspected abuse, self-neglect, neglect, or  
20 financial exploitation under this Act, then the provider agency  
21 may petition the chief judge, or another judge designated by  
22 the chief judge, of the judicial circuit in which the eligible  
23 adult resides for the issuance of a subpoena to the holder of  
24 the records sought by the provider agency. Upon a showing by  
25 the provider agency that the records are relevant to the  
26 investigation and upon notice to the holder of the records and  
27 notice to the eligible adult or his or her guardian, the court  
28 shall direct that a subpoena shall issue to the holder of the  
29 records. All records disclosed pursuant to a subpoena issued  
30 under this Section shall be treated as records under Section 8  
31 of this Act.

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

33       (320 ILCS 20/8) (from Ch. 23, par. 6608)

34       Sec. 8. Access to records. All records concerning reports  
35 of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation and all

1 records generated as a result of such reports shall be  
2 confidential and shall not be disclosed except as specifically  
3 authorized by this Act or other applicable law. Access to such  
4 records, but not access to the identity of the person or  
5 persons making a report of alleged abuse, neglect, or financial  
6 exploitation as contained in such records, shall be allowed to  
7 the following persons and for the following persons:

8 (1) Department staff, provider agency staff, other aging  
9 network staff, and regional administrative agency staff in the  
10 furtherance of their responsibilities under this Act or the  
11 Illinois Act on the Aging;

12 (2) A law enforcement agency investigating known or  
13 suspected elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.  
14 Where a provider agency has reason to believe that the death of  
15 an eligible adult may be the result of abuse or neglect, the  
16 agency shall immediately provide the appropriate law  
17 enforcement agency with all records pertaining to the eligible  
18 adult;

19 (3) A physician who has before him or her or who is  
20 involved in the treatment of an eligible adult whom he or she  
21 reasonably suspects may be abused, neglected, or financially  
22 exploited or who has been referred to the Elder Abuse and  
23 Neglect Program;

24 (4) An eligible adult reported to be abused, neglected, or  
25 financially exploited, or such adult's guardian unless such  
26 guardian is the abuser or the alleged abuser;

27 (5) A court or a guardian ad litem, upon its or his or her  
28 finding that access to such records may be necessary for the  
29 determination of an issue before the court. However, such  
30 access shall be limited to an in camera inspection of the  
31 records, unless the court determines that disclosure of the  
32 information contained therein is necessary for the resolution  
33 of an issue then pending before it;

34 (6) A grand jury, upon its determination that access to  
35 such records is necessary in the conduct of its official  
36 business;

1 (7) Any person authorized by the Director, in writing, for  
2 audit or bona fide research purposes;

3 (8) A coroner or medical examiner who has reason to believe  
4 that an eligible adult has died as the result of abuse,  
5 neglect, or financial exploitation. The provider agency shall  
6 immediately provide the coroner or medical examiner with all  
7 records pertaining to the eligible adult; ~~and~~

8 (9) Department of Professional Regulation staff and  
9 members of the Social Work Examining and Disciplinary Board in  
10 the course of investigating alleged violations of the Clinical  
11 Social Work and Social Work Practice Act by provider agency  
12 staff; ~~and~~

13 (10) The State's Attorney of the judicial circuit in which  
14 the eligible adult resides or in which the alleged crime  
15 occurred or the Office of the Attorney General, or their  
16 authorized representatives, after the law enforcement agency  
17 with jurisdiction over the matter opens a criminal  
18 investigation; and

19 (11) Municipal, county, or other governmental departments  
20 or units with a primary responsibility of addressing aging  
21 issues, the City of Chicago Department on Aging, State Area  
22 Agencies on Aging, and their delegate agencies or councils,  
23 after a provider agency has initiated an investigation.

24 (Source: P.A. 89-387, eff. 8-20-95; 90-628, eff. 1-1-99.)

25 (320 ILCS 20/8.5 new)

26 Sec. 8.5. Cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

27 (a) Within one year after the effective date of this  
28 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, the Department  
29 shall enter into working agreements with the jurisdictionally  
30 responsible county sheriff's office or local police department  
31 or, when applicable, both, that will be the lead law  
32 enforcement agency when conducting any criminal investigation  
33 arising from allegations of abuse, neglect, or financial  
34 exploitation of an eligible adult. The working agreements must  
35 specify how the requirements of this Act will be met.

1       (b) The Department and all provider agencies shall work  
2 with any law enforcement agency conducting any criminal  
3 investigation arising from allegations of abuse, neglect, or  
4 financial exploitation of an eligible adult. The Department,  
5 all provider agencies, and law enforcement agencies shall  
6 cooperate to allow the criminal investigation to proceed  
7 concurrently with, and not be hindered by, any investigations  
8 conducted by provider agencies.

9       (c) Upon request of the law enforcement agency, the  
10 Department and all provider agencies shall provide, to any law  
11 enforcement agency conducting any criminal investigation  
12 arising from allegations of abuse, neglect, or financial  
13 exploitation of an eligible adult, all relevant information and  
14 records from provider agency investigations.

15       (d) Any law enforcement officer may make an arrest without  
16 a warrant if the officer has probable cause to believe that the  
17 person has committed or is committing any crime, including, but  
18 not limited to, criminal abuse or neglect of an elderly person  
19 under Section 12-21 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or a violation  
20 of an order of protection under Section 12-30 of the Criminal  
21 Code of 1961, even if the crime was not committed in the  
22 presence of the officer. The law enforcement officer may verify  
23 the existence of an order of protection under Section 12-30 of  
24 the Criminal Code of 1961 by telephone or radio communication  
25 with his or her law enforcement agency or by referring to the  
26 copy of the order provided by the petitioner or respondent.

27       (320 ILCS 20/9) (from Ch. 23, par. 6609)

28       Sec. 9. Authority to consent to services.

29       (a) If an eligible adult consents to services being  
30 provided according to the service care plan, such services  
31 shall be arranged to meet the adult's needs, based upon the  
32 availability of resources to provide such services. If an adult  
33 withdraws his or her consent or refuses to accept such  
34 services, the services shall not be provided, except as allowed  
35 under subsection (f) of this Section.

1 (b) If it reasonably appears to the Department or other  
2 agency designated under this Act that a person is an eligible  
3 adult and lacks the capacity to consent to necessary services,  
4 including an assessment, the Department or other agency may  
5 seek the appointment of a guardian as provided in Article XIa  
6 of the Probate Act of 1975 for the purpose of consenting to  
7 such services.

8 (c) A guardian of the person of an eligible adult may  
9 consent to services being provided according to the service  
10 care plan. If a guardian withdraws his or her consent or  
11 refuses to allow services to be provided to the eligible adult,  
12 the Department, an agency designated under this Act, or the  
13 office of the Attorney General may request a court order  
14 seeking appropriate remedies, and may in addition request  
15 removal of the guardian and appointment of a successor  
16 guardian.

17 (d) If an emergency exists and the Department or other  
18 agency designated under this Act reasonably believes that a  
19 person is an eligible adult and lacks the capacity to consent  
20 to necessary services, the Department or other agency may  
21 request an ex parte order from the circuit court of the county  
22 in which the petitioner or respondent resides or in which the  
23 alleged abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation occurred,  
24 authorizing an assessment of a report of alleged or suspected  
25 abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation or the provision of  
26 necessary services, or both, including relief available under  
27 the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. Petitions filed  
28 under this subsection shall be treated as expedited  
29 proceedings. This subsection does not limit the actions allowed  
30 under subsection (f) of this Section.

31 (e) Within 15 days after the entry of the ex parte  
32 emergency order, the order shall expire, or, if the need for  
33 assessment or services continues, the provider agency shall  
34 petition for the appointment of a guardian as provided in  
35 Article XIa of the Probate Act of 1975 for the purpose of  
36 consenting to such assessment or services or to protect the

1 eligible adult from further harm.

2 (f) If the Department or a provider agency has reasonable  
3 cause to believe that an emergency exists, as "emergency" is  
4 defined in this Act, the Department or the provider agency may  
5 take action under this subsection. If the eligible adult has  
6 the capacity to consent and refuses to consent to protective  
7 services, emergency protective services may not be provided.

8 If, upon arrival at the residence or temporary residence of  
9 the eligible adult, (i) consent is not obtained for access to  
10 the eligible adult for purposes of conducting an investigation  
11 under this Act, (ii) the Department or provider agency has  
12 reason to believe that an emergency exists, as emergency is  
13 defined in this Act, and (iii) the situation presents a risk of  
14 death or serious physical or sexual injury, a representative of  
15 the Department or the provider agency and a law enforcement  
16 officer may forcibly enter the premises. If, after obtaining  
17 access to the eligible adult, it is determined through a  
18 personal assessment of the situation that no emergency exists  
19 and there is no basis for protective services intervention  
20 under this subsection, the Department, provider agency, and law  
21 enforcement officer shall terminate the emergency entry.

22 If a forcible entry under this subsection occurs and if,  
23 from the personal observations of the representative of the  
24 Department or the representative of the provider agency or the  
25 law enforcement officer, it is likely that the eligible adult  
26 will incur a risk of death or serious physical or sexual injury  
27 if such person is not immediately removed from the premises,  
28 then the representative of the Department or provider agency  
29 shall transport or arrange for the transportation of the  
30 eligible adult to an appropriate medical or protective services  
31 facility in order to provide protective services. Law  
32 enforcement personnel have a duty to transport when medical  
33 transportation is not available or needed and the eligible  
34 adult presents a threat of injury to self or others. If the  
35 eligible adult's caregiver or guardian is present, the  
36 Department, provider agency, or law enforcement officer must

1 seek the caregiver's or guardian's consent before the eligible  
2 adult may be removed from the premises, unless the Department,  
3 provider agency, or law enforcement officer suspects that the  
4 eligible adult's caregiver or guardian has caused the abuse or  
5 neglect. Within 24 hours after providing or arranging for  
6 emergency removal of the eligible adult, excluding Saturdays,  
7 Sundays, and legal holidays, the Department or provider agency  
8 shall petition for the appointment of a guardian as provided in  
9 Article XIa of the Probate Act of 1975 for the purposes of  
10 consenting to protective services.

11 If, upon an eligible adult's admission to a medical  
12 facility, it is the opinion of the medical staff that immediate  
13 medical treatment is necessary to prevent serious physical  
14 injury or death and that such treatment does not violate a  
15 health care advance directive prepared by the eligible adult  
16 and received by the medical staff, the medical facility may  
17 proceed with treatment of the eligible adult. If a person with  
18 legal authority to give consent for the provision of medical  
19 treatment to an eligible adult has not given or has refused to  
20 give such consent, examination and treatment must be limited to  
21 reasonable examination of the patient to determine the medical  
22 condition of the patient and treatment reasonably necessary to  
23 alleviate the emergency medical condition or to stabilize the  
24 patient pending court determination of a petition for the  
25 appointment of a guardian as provided in Article XIa of the  
26 Probate Act of 1975.

27 This Section does not limit in any way the authority of a  
28 court, a law enforcement agency, a State's Attorney, the Office  
29 of the Attorney General, or their authorized representatives or  
30 any other duly appointed official, to intervene in emergency  
31 circumstances under any other provision of law. This Section  
32 does not limit the authority of any person to file a petition  
33 for guardianship.

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



1           Sec. 13. Access.

2           (a) The designated provider agencies shall have access to  
3 eligible adults who have been reported or found to be victims  
4 of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation in order to assess  
5 the validity of the report, assess other needs of the eligible  
6 adult, and provide services in accordance with this Act.

7           (b) Where access to an eligible adult is denied, the Office  
8 of the Attorney General, the Department, or the provider agency  
9 may petition the court for an order to require appropriate  
10 access where:

11           (1) a caregiver or third party has interfered with the  
12 assessment or service plan, or

13           (2) the agency has reason to believe that the eligible  
14 adult is denying access because of coercion, extortion, or  
15 justifiable fear of future abuse, neglect, or financial  
16 exploitation.

17           (c) The petition for an order requiring appropriate access  
18 shall be afforded an expedited hearing in the circuit court.

19           (d) If the elder abuse provider agency has substantiated  
20 financial exploitation against an eligible adult, and has  
21 documented a reasonable belief that the eligible adult will be  
22 irreparably harmed as a result of the financial exploitation,  
23 the Office of the Attorney General, the Department, or the  
24 provider agency may petition for an order freezing the assets  
25 of the eligible adult. The petition shall be filed in the  
26 county or counties in which the assets are located. The court's  
27 order shall prohibit the sale, gifting, transfer, or wasting of  
28 the assets of the eligible adult, both real and personal, owned  
29 by, or vested in, the eligible adult, without the express  
30 permission of the court. The petition to freeze the assets of  
31 the eligible adult shall be afforded an expedited hearing in  
32 the circuit court.

33           (e) This Section does not prohibit the actions authorized  
34 in subsection (f) of Section 9 of this Act.

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

1 Section 10. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
2 changing Section 16-1.3 as follows:

3 (720 ILCS 5/16-1.3) (from Ch. 38, par. 16-1.3)

4 Sec. 16-1.3. Financial exploitation of an elderly person or  
5 a person with a disability.

6 (a) A person commits the offense of financial exploitation  
7 of an elderly person or a person with a disability when he or  
8 she stands in a position of trust or confidence with the  
9 elderly person or a person with a disability and he or she  
10 knowingly and by deception or intimidation obtains control over  
11 the property of an elderly person or a person with a disability  
12 or illegally uses the assets or resources of an elderly person  
13 or a person with a disability. The illegal use of the assets or  
14 resources of an elderly person or a person with a disability  
15 includes, but is not limited to, the misappropriation of those  
16 assets or resources by undue influence, breach of a fiduciary  
17 relationship, fraud, deception, extortion, or use of the assets  
18 or resources contrary to law.

19 Financial exploitation of an elderly person or a person  
20 with a disability is a Class 4 felony if the value of the  
21 property is \$300 or less, a Class 3 felony if the value of the  
22 property is more than \$300 but less than \$5,000, a Class 2  
23 felony if the value of the property is \$5,000 or more but less  
24 than \$100,000 and a Class 1 felony if the value of the property  
25 is \$100,000 or more or if the elderly person is over 70 years  
26 of age and the value of the property is \$15,000 or more or if  
27 the elderly person is 80 years of age or older and the value of  
28 the property is \$5,000 or more.

29 (b) For purposes of this Section:

30 (1) "Elderly person" means a person 60 years of age or  
31 older.

32 (2) "Person with a disability" means a person who  
33 suffers from a ~~permanent~~ physical or mental impairment  
34 resulting from disease, injury, functional disorder or  
35 congenital condition that impairs the individual's mental

1 or physical ability to independently manage his or her  
2 property or financial resources, or both.

3 (3) "Intimidation" means the communication to an  
4 elderly person or a person with a disability that he or she  
5 shall be deprived of food and nutrition, shelter,  
6 prescribed medication, ~~or~~ medical care and treatment, or  
7 contact with that person's family members or care provider.  
8 "Intimidation" also means the communication to an elderly  
9 person or a person with a disability that he or she will be  
10 unnecessarily moved from his or her current residence to  
11 another residence or to a facility.

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

23 (c) For purposes of this Section, a person stands in a  
24 position of trust and confidence with an elderly person or  
25 person with a disability when he (1) is a parent, spouse, adult  
26 child or other relative by blood or marriage of the elderly  
27 person or person with a disability, (2) is a joint tenant or  
28 tenant in common with the elderly person or person with a  
29 disability, (3) has a legal or fiduciary relationship with the  
30 elderly person or person with a disability, or (4) is a  
31 financial planning or investment professional.

32 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the  
33 remedies available to the victim under the Illinois Domestic  
34 Violence Act of 1986.

35 (e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to impose  
36 criminal liability on a person who has made a good faith effort

1 to assist the elderly person or person with a disability in the  
2 management of his or her property, but through no fault of his  
3 or her own has been unable to provide such assistance.

4 (f) It shall not be a defense to financial exploitation of  
5 an elderly person or person with a disability that the accused  
6 reasonably believed that the victim was not an elderly person  
7 or person with a disability.

8 (g) Civil Liability. A person who is charged by information  
9 or indictment with the offense of financial exploitation of an  
10 elderly person or person with a disability and who fails or  
11 refuses to return the victim's property within 60 days  
12 following a written demand from the victim or the victim's  
13 legal representative shall be liable to the victim or to the  
14 estate of the victim in damages of treble the amount of the  
15 value of the property obtained, plus reasonable attorney fees  
16 and court costs. The burden of proof that the defendant  
17 unlawfully obtained the victim's property shall be by a  
18 preponderance of the evidence. This subsection shall be  
19 operative whether or not the defendant has been convicted of  
20 the offense.

21 (Source: P.A. 92-808, eff. 8-21-02; 93-301, eff. 1-1-04.)