

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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Vulnerable Adults Abandonment Prevention Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Vulnerable Adults Abandonment Prevention Task
7 Force Act; members.

8 (a) There is created the Vulnerable Adults Abandonment
9 Prevention Task Force (hereinafter referred to as the Task
10 Force) to address the growing problem of vulnerable adults
11 being left without regard for their mental or physical health,
12 safety, or welfare. The Task Force shall consist of 14 members
13 appointed as follows:

14 (1) 3 members of the Senate appointed by the President
15 of the Senate;

16 (2) 3 members of the Senate appointed by the Minority
17 Leader of the Senate;

18 (3) 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed
19 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20 (4) 3 members of the House of Representatives appointed
21 by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

22 (5) 2 members appointed by the Governor one of whom
23 shall be designated the chairperson by the Governor.

1 (b) The members of the Task Force shall serve without
2 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and
3 necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose.

4 (c) The State of Illinois Council on Developmental
5 Disabilities shall provide administrative and other support to
6 the Task Force, and the Task Force shall also seek input from
7 the Department of Human Services, the Department on Aging, and
8 the Office of State Guardian. The Task Force shall consult with
9 representatives of law enforcement, bar associations, and
10 not-for-profits focused on persons with developmental
11 disabilities, mental illness, and victims of elder abuse in the
12 preparation of its final report.

13 (d) The Task Force shall conduct a study on the incidence
14 of abandonment of vulnerable adults by persons and entities
15 legally responsible to safeguard the mental or physical health,
16 safety, or welfare of persons who are severely or profoundly
17 intellectually disabled as a result of developmental
18 disabilities, mental illness, dementia, or other similar
19 incapacity and to make recommendations sufficient to protect
20 these vulnerable adults, including the consideration of
21 criminal penalties for the abandonment of these vulnerable
22 adults without assuring adequate support or supervision.

23 (e) On or before January 1, 2014, the Task Force shall
24 report its findings and recommendations to the General
25 Assembly, by filing copies of its report as provided in Section
26 3.1 of the General Assembly Organization Act, and to the

1 Governor.

2 (f) The Task Force is abolished on May 31, 2014.

3 Section 10. Repeal. This Act is repealed on June 1, 2014.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.