
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 763

AN ACT REQUIRING DRIVERS OF PARATRANSIT VEHICLES TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION OR ABANDONMENT OF ELDERLY PERSONS.

SUMMARY

This bill adds paratransit vehicle drivers to the list of mandated reporters who must report to the Department of Social Services when they have reasonable cause to suspect that an elderly person needs protective services or has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned. A paratransit vehicle is a motor bus, taxicab, or other motor vehicle in livery service that is (1) operated under a Department of Transportation certificate or by a transit district and (2) on call or on demand or used to transport passengers for hire.

By law, mandated reporters who fail to report are subject to a fine of up to \$500. Intentional failure to report is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense, punishable by up to three months in prison, a fine of up to \$500, or both. Subsequent offenses are a class A misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison, a fine of up to \$2,000, or both.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (02/23/2021)