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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 21-122—SB 763

Human Services Committee

Judiciary Committee

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

SUMMARY: This act adds paratransit vehicle drivers to the list of mandated reporters who must report to the Department of Social Services (DSS) 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 must report to DSS within 72 hours, and those who fail to do so are subject to a fine of up to \$500. Intentional failure to report is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for subsequent offenses.

The act also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021