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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 23-168**—sHB 6775  
*Human Services Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS**

**SUMMARY:** This act expands the list of mandated elder abuse reporters who must notify the Department of Social Services (DSS) when they suspect that an elderly person needs protective services. The act adds the following professions and titles:

1. licensed professional counselors;
2. adult probation officers;
3. adult parole officers;
4. physician assistants;
5. dental hygienists; and
6. resident service coordinators, clinical care coordinators, and managers employed at housing authorities, or municipal developers operating elderly housing projects.

By law, mandated reporters must report to DSS within 24 hours when they have reasonable cause to suspect that an elderly person needs protective services or has been abused, neglected, exploited, or abandoned. Mandated reporters must also take a training program developed or approved by DSS within 90 days of becoming a mandated reporter. Those who fail to report to DSS must retake the training and submit proof to DSS that they did so. Subsequent violations may additionally be subject to a fine of up to \$500 (CGS § 17b-451).

Intentional failure to report is a class C misdemeanor for the first offense (see [Table on Penalties](#)). Subsequent offenses are a class A misdemeanor (see [Table on Penalties](#)) (CGS § 17b-451).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023