



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6775

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-451 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (a) A mandatory reporter who has reasonable cause to suspect or
5 believe that any elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited
6 or abandoned, or is in a condition that is the result of such abuse,
7 neglect, exploitation or abandonment, or is in need of protective
8 services, shall, not later than twenty-four hours after such suspicion or
9 belief arose, report such information or cause a report to be made in
10 any reasonable manner to the Commissioner of Social Services or to
11 the person or persons designated by the commissioner to receive such
12 reports. Any mandatory reporter who fails for the first time to make
13 such report within the prescribed time shall retake the mandatory
14 training on detecting potential abuse, neglect, exploitation and
15 abandonment of elderly persons and provide the commissioner with
16 proof of successful completion of such training. Any mandatory
17 reporter who subsequently fails to make such report within the
18 prescribed time period shall be fined not more than five hundred
19 dollars and shall retake the mandatory training on detecting potential
20 abuse, neglect, exploitation and abandonment of elderly persons and

21 provide the commissioner with proof of successful completion of such
22 training. If such person intentionally fails to make such report within
23 the prescribed time period, such person shall be guilty of a class C
24 misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for any
25 subsequent offense. Any institution, organization, agency or facility
26 employing individuals to care for persons sixty years of age or older
27 shall provide mandatory training on detecting potential abuse, neglect,
28 exploitation and abandonment of such persons and inform such
29 employees of their obligations under this section. For purposes of this
30 subsection, "mandatory reporter" means any (1) physician or surgeon
31 licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2) resident physician or
32 intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, (3)
33 registered nurse, (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or
34 orderly in a nursing home facility or residential care home, (5) person
35 paid for caring for a resident in a nursing home facility or residential
36 care home, (6) staff person employed by a nursing home facility or
37 residential care home, (7) residents' advocate, other than a
38 representative of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, as
39 established under section 17a-870, including the State Ombudsman, (8)
40 licensed practical nurse, medical examiner, dentist, optometrist,
41 chiropractor, podiatrist, social worker, [clergyman] member of the
42 clergy, police officer, pharmacist, psychologist or physical therapist, (9)
43 person paid for caring for an elderly person by any institution,
44 organization, agency or facility, including but not limited to, any
45 employee of a community-based services provider, senior center,
46 home care agency, homemaker and companion agency, adult day care
47 center, village-model community and congregate housing facility, (10)
48 person licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider
49 pursuant to chapter 368d or 384d, including any such emergency
50 medical services provider who is a member of a municipal fire
51 department, [and] (11) driver of a paratransit vehicle, as defined in
52 section 13b-38k, (12) licensed professional counselor, (13) adult
53 probation officer, (14) adult parole officer, (15) physician assistant, (16)
54 dental hygienist, and (17) resident services coordinator, clinical care
55 coordinator and manager employed by a housing authority or

56 municipal developer operating an elderly housing project.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	17b-451(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

The provisions of subdivision (a)(17) were redrafted for internal consistency and consistency with other provisions of the general statutes.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.*