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HOUSE BILL 15-1018

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Judiciary

Public Health Care & Human Services

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES TO PROTECT OLDER COLORADANS, AND, IN
102 CONNECTION THEREWITH, ADDING ADDITIONAL PERSONS WHO
103 ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT THE ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION OF
104 SENIOR CITIZENS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

Current law lists a number of persons who are required to report to law enforcement the abuse or exploitation of a person 70 years of age or older. The bill adds additional persons to the list.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that:

4 (a) Older Coloradans are at an increased risk of abuse or
5 exploitation;

6 (b) While certain persons are already required to report the abuse
7 or exploitation of an at-risk elder, other classes of persons are likely to see
8 instances of such abuse or exploitation; and

9 (c) Therefore, requiring these persons to report elder abuse or
10 exploitation will protect older Coloradans from such predatory behavior.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-6.5-108, **amend**
12 (1) (b) (XVII); and **add** (1) (b) (XIX), (1) (b) (XX), (1) (b) (XXI), (1) (b)
13 (XXII), (1) (b) (XXIII), and (1) (b) (XXIV) as follows:

14 **18-6.5-108. Mandatory reports of abuse and exploitation of**
15 **at-risk elders - list of reporters - penalties.** (1) (b) The following
16 persons, whether paid or unpaid, shall report as required by paragraph (a)
17 of this subsection (1):

18 (XVII) A caretaker, staff member, employee, or consultant for a
19 licensed or certified care facility, agency, home, or governing board,
20 including but not limited to home health providers; ~~and~~

21 (XIX) CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS;

22 (XX) VICTIM ADVOCATES ASSOCIATED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
23 AGENCIES;

24 (XXI) FINANCIAL PLANNERS;

25 (XXII) INSURANCE AGENTS;

26 (XXIII) POSTAL WORKERS; AND

1 (XXIV) EMPLOYEES OR CONTRACTORS OF A BUS COMPANY WHO
2 PICK UP A PERSON FROM THE PERSON'S HOME OR OTHER SPECIFIED
3 LOCATION OTHER THAN A DESIGNATED ROUTE.

4 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
5 July 1, 2015, and applies to observations made on or after said date.

6 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.