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HOUSE BILL 15-1018

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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 AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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.

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 14, 2015

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) (VII), (1) (b) (VIII), and (1) (b) (XVII); and **add** (1) (b) (XIX) and
13 (1) (b) (XX) 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 (VII) Psychologists, ~~and other mental health professionals~~ AS
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-201, C.R.S.; SOCIAL WORKERS, AS DEFINED IN
20 SECTION 12-43-401, C.R.S.; MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AS
21 DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-201, C.R.S.; LICENSED PROFESSIONAL
22 COUNSELORS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-201, C.R.S.; REGISTERED
23 PSYCHOTHERAPISTS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-43-201, C.R.S.; AND
24 LICENSED OR CERTIFIED ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
25 12-43-201, C.R.S.;

26 (VIII) ~~Social work practitioners;~~

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

4 [REDACTED]
5 (XIX) VICTIM ADVOCATES EMPLOYED BY OR VOLUNTEERING WITH
6 ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

7 [REDACTED]
8 (XX) EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND VOLUNTEERS OPERATING
9 SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PRIMARILY AND SPECIFICALLY
10 FOR THE TRANSPORT OF AT-RISK ELDERS.

11 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2015-16 state fiscal
12 year, \$30,002 is appropriated to the department of human services. This
13 appropriation is from the general fund. To implement this act, the
14 department may use this appropriation as follows:

15 Adult assistance programs, adult protective services

16 State administration	\$2,400
17 Adult protective services	\$27,602

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

20 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
21 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
22 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.