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HOUSE BILL 15-1018

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Danielson,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Judiciary
Public Health Care & Human Services
Appropriations

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) (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. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
12 July 1, 2015, and applies to observations made on or after said date.

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