

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain mandatory reporting requirements for elder and disabled adult abuse and neglect.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 22-46-9 be amended to read:

22-46-9. Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that an elder or disabled adult has been or is being abused or neglected, shall, within twenty-four hours, report the knowledge or suspicion orally or in writing to the state's attorney of the county in which the elder or disabled adult resides or is present, to the Department of Social Services, or to a law enforcement officer. Any person who knowingly fails to make the required report is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

For the purposes of this section, the term, person, means:

- (1) Physician, dentist, doctor of osteopathy, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, religious healing practitioner, hospital intern or resident, nurse, paramedic, emergency medical technician, social worker, or any health care professional;
- (2) Psychologist, licensed mental health professional, or counselor engaged in professional counseling; or
- (3) State, county, or municipal criminal justice employee or law enforcement officer.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in the

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

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Received at this Executive Office this _____ day of _____ ,

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The attached Act is hereby approved this _____ day of _____ , A.D., 20____

Governor

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
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Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____ , 20____
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Secretary of State

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Asst. Secretary of State