

ENGROSSED LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Adult Protective Services Act; to amend sections 28-348 and 28-350, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide training requirements for adult protective services officials as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 28-348, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-348 Sections 28-348 to 28-387 and sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Adult Protective Services Act.

Sec. 2. Section 28-350, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-350 For purposes of the Adult Protective Services Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 28-351 to 28-371 and section 3 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 3. Adult protective services official means an individual who is employed by the department and who develops and implements adult protective services.

Sec. 4. (1) The department shall require each adult protective services official to successfully complete training relating to caring for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia. Such training shall be no less than one hour in length. An adult protective services official employed by the department on the effective date of this act shall complete the training within thirty days of such date.

(2) The training required by subsection (1) of this section shall include, but not be limited to: (a) Psychiatric and behavioral symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia; (b) methods of communicating respectfully and effectively with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia; (c)

techniques for understanding and approaching behavioral symptoms; (d) information relating to safety including, but not limited to, wandering; (e) alerting law enforcement agencies to potential criminal behavior by a family member, a caretaker, or an institution; (f) alerting law enforcement agencies to neglect or exploitation; (g) the most common types of abuse; (h) methods of identifying incidents of self-neglect; (i) methods of identifying neglect by a caregiver; and (j) protocols for referral of such individuals to local care resources and professionals who are skilled in Alzheimer's disease and other dementia care to encourage cross-referral and for reporting abuse.

(3) The department may collaborate with a private nonprofit organization with expertise in working with individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia to provide the training required by subsection (1) of this section.

(4) Each adult protective services official shall complete the training once every five years.

Sec. 5. Original sections 28-348 and 28-350, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within LB 1055 was passed by the One Hundred Ninth Legislature of Nebraska at its Second Session on the day of 20.....

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Approved:

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GOVERNOR