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AN ACT relating to crimes; defining the term “abandonment” as it relates to the care of older persons and vulnerable persons; revising the definitions of the terms “abuse,” “exploitation” and “isolation” as they relate to offenses committed upon older persons and vulnerable persons; revising provisions concerning the reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person; requiring that the name and other identifying information of a person who reports the abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or a vulnerable person be redacted before certain data or information concerning the report is made available in certain circumstances; prohibiting the abandonment of an older person or a vulnerable person; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets forth provisions concerning the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of older persons and vulnerable persons. (NRS 200.5091-200.50995) This bill generally adds the abandonment of older persons and vulnerable persons to such provisions.

Section 3 of this bill defines the term “abandonment” to mean the: (1) desertion of an older person or a vulnerable person in an unsafe manner by a caretaker or other person with a legal duty of care; or (2) withdrawal of necessary assistance owed to an older person or a vulnerable person by a caretaker or other person with an obligation to provide services to the older person or vulnerable person. **Section 3** also provides that the term “abuse” includes: (1) infliction of psychological or emotional anguish, pain or distress on an older person or a vulnerable person through any act; (2) nonconsensual sexual contact with an older person or a vulnerable person; and (3) permitting acts which constitute abuse to be committed against an older person or a vulnerable person. Additionally, **section 3** provides that the term “isolation” includes permitting acts which constitute isolation to be committed against an older person or a vulnerable person. Finally, **section 3** revises the definition of the term “undue influence” for purposes of the definition of the term “exploitation,” and revises the definition of the term “protective services” to include services provided to an older person or a vulnerable person who is unable to provide for his or her own needs.

Existing law requires certain professionals who know or have reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused, neglected, exploited or isolated to report, in certain circumstances, such abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation to: (1) the local office of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; (2) a police department or sheriff’s office; (3) the county’s office for protective services, if one exists in the county where such suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation occurred; or (4) a toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging and Disability Services Division.



(NRS 200.5093) **Section 4** of this bill removes the option to report suspected acts to the county's office for protective services.

Existing law also requires that reports made concerning the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person or a vulnerable person, and records and investigations relating to those reports, are confidential, and a person, law enforcement agency or public or private agency, institution or facility can release data or information concerning the reports and investigation only in certain limited circumstances. Such circumstances include data or information concerning the reports and investigation being made available to: (1) an agency responsible for or authorized to undertake the care, treatment and supervision of the older person or vulnerable person; (2) the older person or vulnerable person named in the report, if that person is not legally incompetent; and (3) if the person who is reported to have abused, neglected, exploited or isolated the older person or vulnerable person is the holder of a certain license or certificate, the board that issued the license. (NRS 200.5095) **Section 7** of this bill provides that if data or information concerning the reports and investigation is made available in such circumstances, the name and any other identifying information of the person who made the report must be redacted before the data or information is made available.

Sections 2, 5, 6, 8-13, 16-24 and 26-41 of this bill generally add a reference to the term "abandonment" to certain provisions of existing law that reference the abuse, neglect, exploitation or isolation of an older person or a vulnerable person.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 193.167 is hereby amended to read as follows:
193.167 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169,
any person who commits the crime of:

- (a) Murder;
- (b) Attempted murder;
- (c) Assault;
- (d) Battery;
- (e) Kidnapping;
- (f) Robbery;
- (g) Sexual assault;
- (h) Embezzlement of, or attempting or conspiring to embezzle,
money or property of a value of \$650 or more;
- (i) Obtaining, or attempting or conspiring to obtain, money or
property of a value of \$650 or more by false pretenses; or
- (j) Taking money or property from the person of another,
↪ against any person who is 60 years of age or older or against a
vulnerable person shall, in addition to the term of imprisonment
prescribed by statute for the crime, be punished, if the crime is a
misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor, by imprisonment in the county
jail for a term equal to the term of imprisonment prescribed by



statute for the crime, and, if the crime is a felony, by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 20 years.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 193.169, any person who commits a criminal violation of the provisions of chapter 90 or 91 of NRS against any person who is 60 years of age or older or against a vulnerable person shall, in addition to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for the criminal violation, be punished, if the criminal violation is a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor, by imprisonment in the county jail for a term equal to the term of imprisonment prescribed by statute for the criminal violation, and, if the criminal violation is a felony, by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not more than 20 years.

3. In determining the length of the additional penalty imposed pursuant to this section, the court shall consider the following information:

- (a) The facts and circumstances of the crime or criminal violation;
- (b) The criminal history of the person;
- (c) The impact of the crime or criminal violation on any victim;
- (d) Any mitigating factors presented by the person; and
- (e) Any other relevant information.

↳ The court shall state on the record that it has considered the information described in paragraphs (a) to (e), inclusive, in determining the length of the additional penalty imposed.

4. The sentence prescribed by this section must run consecutively with the sentence prescribed by statute for the crime or criminal violation.

5. This section does not create any separate offense but provides an additional penalty for the primary offense, whose imposition is contingent upon the finding of the prescribed fact.

6. As used in this section, "vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 2. NRS 200.5091 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5091 It is the policy of this State to provide for the cooperation of law enforcement officials, courts of competent jurisdiction and all appropriate state agencies providing human services in identifying the abuse, neglect, exploitation , ~~and~~ isolation *and abandonment* of older persons and vulnerable persons through the complete reporting of abuse, neglect, exploitation , ~~and~~ isolation *and abandonment* of older persons and vulnerable persons.



Sec. 3. NRS 200.5092 is hereby amended to read as follows:
200.5092 As used in NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. *“Abandonment” means:*

(a) *Desertion of an older person or a vulnerable person in an unsafe manner by a caretaker or other person with a legal duty of care; or*

(b) *Withdrawal of necessary assistance owed to an older person or a vulnerable person by a caretaker or other person with an obligation to provide services to the older person or vulnerable person.*

2. *“Abuse” means willful : ~~and unjustified:~~*

(a) *Infliction of pain ~~†~~ or injury ~~for mental anguish~~ on an older person or a vulnerable person; ~~for~~*

(b) *Deprivation of food, shelter, clothing or services which are necessary to maintain the physical or mental health of an older person or a vulnerable person ~~†~~*

~~—2.†;~~

(c) *Infliction of psychological or emotional anguish, pain or distress on an older person or a vulnerable person through any act, including, without limitation:*

(1) *Threatening, controlling or socially isolating the older person or vulnerable person;*

(2) *Disregarding the needs of the older person or vulnerable person; or*

(3) *Harming, damaging or destroying any property of the older person or vulnerable person, including, without limitation, pets;*

(d) *Nonconsensual sexual contact with an older person or a vulnerable person, including, without limitation:*

(1) *An act that the older person or vulnerable person is unable to understand or to which the older person or vulnerable person is unable to communicate his or her objection; or*

(2) *Intentional touching, either directly or through the clothing, of the genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh or buttocks of the older person or vulnerable person; or*

(e) *Permitting any of the acts described in paragraphs (a) to (d), inclusive, to be committed against an older person or a vulnerable person.*

3. *“Exploitation” means any act taken by a person who has the trust and confidence of an older person or a vulnerable person or any use of the power of attorney or guardianship of an older person or a vulnerable person to:*



(a) Obtain control, through deception, intimidation or undue influence, over the older person's or vulnerable person's money, assets or property with the intention of permanently depriving the older person or vulnerable person of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of his or her money, assets or property; or

(b) Convert money, assets or property of the older person or vulnerable person with the intention of permanently depriving the older person or vulnerable person of the ownership, use, benefit or possession of his or her money, assets or property.

↳ As used in this subsection, "undue influence" *means the improper use of power or trust in a way that deprives a person of his or her free will and substitutes the objectives of another person. The term* does not include the normal influence that one member of a family has over another.

~~[3.]~~ 4. "Isolation" means ~~[willfully, maliciously and intentionally]~~ preventing an older person or a vulnerable person from having contact with another person by:

(a) Intentionally preventing the older person or vulnerable person from receiving visitors, mail or telephone calls, including, without limitation, communicating to a person who comes to visit the older person or vulnerable person or a person who telephones the older person or vulnerable person that the older person or vulnerable person is not present or does not want to meet with or talk to the visitor or caller knowing that the statement is false, contrary to the express wishes of the older person or vulnerable person and intended to prevent the older person or vulnerable person from having contact with the visitor; ~~[or]~~

(b) Physically restraining the older person or vulnerable person to prevent the older person or vulnerable person from meeting with a person who comes to visit the older person or vulnerable person ~~[.]~~ ; or

(c) Permitting any of the acts described in paragraphs (a) and (b) to be committed against an older person or a vulnerable person.

↳ The term does not include an act intended to protect the property or physical or mental welfare of the older person or vulnerable person or an act performed pursuant to the instructions of a physician of the older person or vulnerable person.

~~[4.]~~ 5. "Neglect" means the failure of ~~[.]~~ ~~(a) A] a person or a manager of a facility~~ who has assumed legal responsibility or a contractual obligation for caring for an older person or a vulnerable person or who has voluntarily assumed responsibility for his or her care to provide food, shelter, clothing or



services which are necessary to maintain the physical or mental health of the older person or vulnerable person. ~~†; or~~

~~—(b) An older person or a vulnerable person to provide for his or her own needs because of inability to do so.~~

~~—5.†~~ 6. “Older person” means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

~~†6.†~~ 7. “Protective services” means services the purpose of which is to prevent and remedy the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~†and†~~ isolation *and abandonment* of older persons. The services may include :

(a) *The investigation, evaluation, counseling, arrangement and referral for other services and assistance †; and*

(b) Services provided to an older person or a vulnerable person who is unable to provide for his or her own needs.

~~†7.†~~ 8. “Vulnerable person” means a person 18 years of age or older who:

(a) Suffers from a condition of physical or mental incapacitation because of a developmental disability, organic brain damage or mental illness; or

(b) Has one or more physical or mental limitations that restrict the ability of the person to perform the normal activities of daily living.

Sec. 4. NRS 200.5093 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5093 1. Any person who is described in subsection 4 and who, in a professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older person has been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~†or†~~ isolated *or abandoned* shall:

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, report the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~†or†~~ isolation *or abandonment* of the older person to:

(1) The local office of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services;

(2) A police department or sheriff’s office; *or*

(3) ~~†The county’s office for protective services, if one exists in the county where the suspected action occurred; or~~

~~—(4)†~~ A toll-free telephone service designated by the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the older person has been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~†or†~~ isolated ~~††~~ *or abandoned*.



2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of the older person involves an act or omission of the Aging and Disability Services Division, another division of the Department of Health and Human Services or a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to an agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. Each agency, after reducing a report to writing, shall forward a copy of the report to the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

4. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, perfusionist, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, paramedic, licensed dietitian or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats an older person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned*.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

(c) A coroner.

(d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide personal care services in the home.

(e) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home.

(f) Every person who operates, who is employed by or who contracts to provide services for an intermediary service organization as defined in NRS 449.4304.

(g) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.



(h) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or a county's office for protective services or an adult or juvenile probation officer.

(i) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for older persons.

(j) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

(k) Every social worker.

(l) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary.

5. A report may be made by any other person.

6. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that an older person has died as a result of abuse, neglect, ~~or~~ isolation ~~or~~ *abandonment*, the person shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the cause of death of the older person and submit to the appropriate local law enforcement agencies, the appropriate prosecuting attorney, the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes his or her written findings. The written findings must include the information required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 200.5094, when possible.

7. A division, office or department which receives a report pursuant to this section shall cause the investigation of the report to commence within 3 working days. A copy of the final report of the investigation conducted by a division, office or department, other than the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, must be forwarded within 30 days after the completion of the report to the:

(a) Aging and Disability Services Division;

(b) Repository for Information Concerning Crimes Against Older Persons created by NRS 179A.450; and

(c) Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes.

8. If the investigation of a report results in the belief that an older person is abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated ~~or~~ *abandoned*, the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services or the county's office for



protective services may provide protective services to the older person if the older person is able and willing to accept them.

9. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

10. As used in this section, "Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes" means the Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Older Persons in the Office of the Attorney General created pursuant to NRS 228.265.

Sec. 5. NRS 200.50935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.50935 1. Any person who is described in subsection 3 and who, in a professional or occupational capacity, knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned* shall:

(a) Report the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of the vulnerable person to a law enforcement agency; and

(b) Make such a report as soon as reasonably practicable but not later than 24 hours after the person knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned*.

2. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of the vulnerable person involves an act or omission of a law enforcement agency, the person shall make the report to a law enforcement agency other than the one alleged to have committed the act or omission.

3. A report must be made pursuant to subsection 1 by the following persons:

(a) Every physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, perfusionist, physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, clinical professional counselor, clinical alcohol and drug abuse counselor, alcohol and drug abuse counselor, music therapist, athletic trainer, driver of an ambulance, paramedic, licensed dietitian or other person providing medical services licensed or certified to practice in this State, who examines, attends or treats a vulnerable person who appears to have been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned*.

(b) Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons or an administrator, manager or other person in charge of a hospital or



similar institution upon notification of the suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of a vulnerable person by a member of the staff of the hospital.

(c) A coroner.

(d) Every person who maintains or is employed by an agency to provide nursing in the home.

(e) Any employee of the Department of Health and Human Services.

(f) Any employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or juvenile probation officer.

(g) Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for vulnerable persons.

(h) Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of a vulnerable person and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

(i) Every social worker.

(j) Any person who owns or is employed by a funeral home or mortuary.

4. A report may be made by any other person.

5. If a person who is required to make a report pursuant to subsection 1 knows or has reasonable cause to believe that a vulnerable person has died as a result of abuse, neglect, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment*, the person shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, report this belief to the appropriate medical examiner or coroner, who shall investigate the cause of death of the vulnerable person and submit to the appropriate local law enforcement agencies and the appropriate prosecuting attorney his or her written findings. The written findings must include the information required pursuant to the provisions of NRS 200.5094, when possible.

6. A law enforcement agency which receives a report pursuant to this section shall immediately initiate an investigation of the report.

7. A person who knowingly and willfully violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. NRS 200.5094 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5094 1. A person may make a report pursuant to NRS 200.5093 or 200.50935 by telephone or, in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances which are known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time, by any other means of oral, written or electronic communication that a reasonable



person would believe, under those facts and circumstances, is a reliable and swift means of communicating information to the person who receives the report. If the report is made orally, the person who receives the report must reduce it to writing as soon as reasonably practicable.

2. The report must contain the following information, when possible:

(a) The name and address of the older person or vulnerable person;

(b) The name and address of the person responsible for his or her care, if there is one;

(c) The name and address, if available, of the person who is alleged to have abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned* the older person or vulnerable person;

(d) The nature and extent of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of the older person or vulnerable person;

(e) Any evidence of previous injuries; and

(f) The basis of the reporter's belief that the older person or vulnerable person has been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned*.

Sec. 7. NRS 200.5095 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5095 1. Reports made pursuant to NRS 200.5093, 200.50935 and 200.5094, and records and investigations relating to those reports, are confidential.

2. A person, law enforcement agency or public or private agency, institution or facility who willfully releases data or information concerning the reports and investigation of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, except:

(a) Pursuant to a criminal prosecution;

(b) Pursuant to NRS 200.50982; or

(c) To persons or agencies enumerated in subsection 3,

↳ is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2 and NRS 200.50982, data or information concerning the reports and investigations of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or a vulnerable person is available only to:

(a) A physician who is providing care to an older person or a vulnerable person who may have been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~or~~ isolated *or abandoned*;



(b) An agency responsible for or authorized to undertake the care, treatment and supervision of the older person or vulnerable person;

(c) A district attorney or other law enforcement official who requires the information in connection with an investigation of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of the older person or vulnerable person;

(d) A court which has determined, in camera, that public disclosure of such information is necessary for the determination of an issue before it;

(e) A person engaged in bona fide research, but the identity of the subjects of the report must remain confidential;

(f) A grand jury upon its determination that access to such records is necessary in the conduct of its official business;

(g) Any comparable authorized person or agency in another jurisdiction;

(h) A legal guardian of the older person or vulnerable person, if the identity of the person who was responsible for reporting the alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of the older person or vulnerable person to the public agency is protected, and the legal guardian of the older person or vulnerable person is not the person suspected of such abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment*;

(i) If the older person or vulnerable person is deceased, the executor or administrator of his or her estate, if the identity of the person who was responsible for reporting the alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of the older person or vulnerable person to the public agency is protected, and the executor or administrator is not the person suspected of such abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment*; or

(j) The older person or vulnerable person named in the report as allegedly being abused, neglected, exploited, ~~isolated~~ *or abandoned*, if that person is not legally incompetent.

4. If the person who is reported to have abused, neglected, exploited, ~~isolated~~ *or abandoned* an older person or a vulnerable person is the holder of a license or certificate issued pursuant to chapters 449, 630 to 641B, inclusive, or 654 of NRS, the information contained in the report must be submitted to the board that issued the license.

5. If data or information concerning the reports and investigations of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation or abandonment of an older person or a vulnerable person is made available pursuant to paragraph (b) or (j) of subsection 3 or



subsection 4, the name and any other identifying information of the person who made the report must be redacted before the data or information is made available.

Sec. 8. NRS 200.50955 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.50955 A law enforcement agency shall promptly seek to obtain a warrant for the arrest of any person the agency has probable cause to believe is criminally responsible for the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or a vulnerable person.

Sec. 9. NRS 200.5096 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5096 Immunity from civil or criminal liability extends to every person who, pursuant to NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, in good faith:

1. Participates in the making of a report;
2. Causes or conducts an investigation of alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or a vulnerable person; or
3. Submits information contained in a report to a licensing board pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 200.5095.

Sec. 10. NRS 200.5098 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.5098 1. The Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services shall:

(a) Identify and record demographic information on the older person who is alleged to have been abused, neglected, exploited, ~~and~~ isolated *or abandoned* and the person who is alleged to be responsible for such abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation ~~and~~ *or abandonment*.

(b) Obtain information from programs for preventing abuse of older persons, analyze and compare the programs, and make recommendations to assist the organizers of the programs in achieving the most efficient and effective service possible.

(c) Publicize the provisions of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive.

2. The Administrator of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department may organize one or more teams to assist in strategic assessment and planning of protective services, issues regarding the delivery of service, programs or individual plans for preventing, identifying, remedying or treating abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons. Members of the team serve at the invitation of the Administrator and must be experienced in preventing, identifying, remedying or treating abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons. The team may include



representatives of other organizations concerned with education, law enforcement or physical or mental health.

3. The team may receive otherwise confidential information and records pertaining to older persons to assist in assessing and planning. The confidentiality of any information or records received must be maintained under the terms or conditions required by law. The content of any discussion regarding information or records received by the team pursuant to this subsection is not subject to discovery and a member of the team shall not testify regarding any discussion which occurred during the meeting. Any information disclosed in violation of this subsection is inadmissible in all judicial proceedings.

Sec. 11. NRS 200.50982 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.50982 1. The provisions of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, do not prohibit an agency which is investigating a report of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation ~~or~~ *or abandonment*, or which provides protective services, from disclosing data or information concerning the reports and investigations of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or a vulnerable person to other federal, state or local agencies or the legal representatives of the older person or vulnerable person on whose behalf the investigation is being conducted if:

(a) The agency making the disclosure determines that the disclosure is in the best interest of the older person or vulnerable person; and

(b) Proper safeguards are taken to ensure the confidentiality of the information.

2. If the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services is investigating a report of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person, a law enforcement agency shall, upon request of the Aging and Disability Services Division, provide information relating to any suspect in the investigation as soon as possible. The information must include, when possible:

(a) The records of criminal history of the suspect;

(b) Whether or not the suspect resides with or near the older person; and

(c) A summary of any events, incidents or arrests which have occurred at the residence of the suspect or the older person within the past 90 days and which involve physical violence or concerns related to public safety or the health or safety of the older person.



Sec. 12. NRS 200.50984 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.50984 1. Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, the local office of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services and a county's office for protective services, if one exists in the county where a violation is alleged to have occurred, may for the purpose of investigating an alleged violation of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, inspect all records pertaining to the older person on whose behalf the investigation is being conducted, including, but not limited to, that person's medical and financial records.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a guardian has not been appointed for the older person, the Aging and Disability Services Division or the county's office for protective services shall obtain the consent of the older person before inspecting those records. If the Aging and Disability Services Division or the county's office for protective services determines that the older person is unable to consent to the inspection, the inspection may be conducted without his or her consent. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if a guardian has been appointed for the older person, the Aging and Disability Services Division or the county's office for protective services shall obtain the consent of the guardian before inspecting those records. If the Aging and Disability Services Division or the county's office for protective services has reasonable cause to believe that the guardian is abusing, neglecting, exploiting, ~~or~~ isolating *or abandoning* the older person, the inspection may be conducted without the consent of the guardian, except that if the records to be inspected are in the personal possession of the guardian, the inspection must be approved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Sec. 13. NRS 200.50986 is hereby amended to read as follows:

200.50986 The local office of the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services or the county's office for protective services may petition a court in accordance with NRS 159.185, 159.1853 or 159.1905 for the removal of the guardian of an older person, or the termination or modification of that guardianship, if, based on its investigation, the Aging and Disability Services Division or the county's office of protective services has reasonable cause to believe that the guardian is abusing, neglecting, exploiting, ~~or~~ isolating *or abandoning* the older person in violation of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive.

Sec. 14. (Deleted by amendment.)



Sec. 15. NRS 207.014 is hereby amended to read as follows:
207.014 1. A person who:

(a) Has been convicted in this State of any felony committed on or after July 1, 1995, of which fraud or intent to defraud is an element; and

(b) Has previously been two times convicted, whether in this State or elsewhere, of any felony of which fraud or intent to defraud is an element before the commission of the felony under paragraph (a),

↳ is a habitually fraudulent felon and shall be punished for a category B felony by imprisonment in the state prison for a minimum term of not less than 5 years and a maximum term of not more than 20 years, if the victim of each offense was an older person, a person with a mental disability or a vulnerable person.

2. The prosecuting attorney shall include a count under this section in any information or shall file a notice of habitually fraudulent felon if an indictment is found, if the prior convictions and the alleged offense committed by the accused are felonies of which fraud or intent to defraud is an element and the victim of each offense was:

- (a) An older person;
- (b) A person with a mental disability; or
- (c) A vulnerable person.

3. The trial judge may not dismiss a count under this section that is included in an indictment or information.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Older person" means a person who is:

(1) Sixty-five years of age or older if the crime was committed before October 1, 2003.

(2) Sixty years of age or older if the crime was committed on or after October 1, 2003.

(b) "Person with a mental disability" means a person who has a mental impairment which is medically documented and substantially limits one or more of the person's major life activities. The term includes, but is not limited to, a person who:

- (1) Suffers from an intellectual disability;
- (2) Suffers from a severe mental or emotional illness;
- (3) Has a severe learning disability; or
- (4) Is experiencing a serious emotional crisis in his or her life

as a result of the fact that the person or a member of his or her immediate family has a catastrophic illness.

(c) "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.



Sec. 16. NRS 62B.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62B.270 1. A public institution or agency to which a juvenile court commits a child or the licensing authority of a private institution to which a juvenile court commits a child, including, without limitation, a facility for the detention of children, shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of each employee of the institution or agency to determine whether the employee has been convicted of:

- (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
- (b) Any other felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;
- (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
- (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;
- (e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
- (f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;
- (g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or
- (h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years.

2. An employee of the public or private institution or agency must submit to the public institution or agency or the licensing authority, as applicable, two complete sets of fingerprints and written authorization to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.

3. The public institution or agency or the licensing authority, as applicable, may exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information concerning the fingerprints submitted.

4. The public institution or agency or the licensing authority, as applicable, may charge an employee investigated pursuant to this section for the reasonable cost of that investigation.

5. When a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is received by the Central Repository, the Central Repository shall



immediately forward a copy of the report to the public institution or agency or the licensing authority, as applicable, for a determination of whether the employee has been convicted of a crime listed in subsection 1.

6. A person who is required to submit to an investigation required pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child without supervision in a public or private institution or agency to which a juvenile court commits a child, including, without limitation, a facility for the detention of children, before the investigation of the background and personal history of the person has been conducted.

7. The public institution or agency or the licensing authority, as applicable, shall conduct an investigation of each employee of the institution or agency pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

Sec. 17. NRS 62G.223 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62G.223 1. A department of juvenile justice services shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of each applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, and each employee of the department of juvenile justice services, to determine:

(a) Whether the applicant or employee has been convicted of:

(1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter or mayhem;

(2) Any felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;

(3) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;

(4) Battery which results in substantial bodily harm to the victim;

(5) Battery that constitutes domestic violence that is punishable as a felony;

(6) Battery that constitutes domestic violence, other than a battery described in subparagraph (5), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(7) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or an offense involving pornography and a minor;

(8) A crime involving pandering or prostitution, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 201.295 to 201.440, inclusive;



(9) Abuse or neglect of a child, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.508 or 200.5083 or contributory delinquency;

(10) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(11) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance that is punishable as a felony;

(12) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, other than a violation described in subparagraph (11), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(13) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or

(14) Any offense involving arson, fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property or perjury within the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(b) Whether there are criminal charges pending against the applicant or employee for a violation of an offense listed in paragraph (a).

2. A department of juvenile justice services shall request information from:

(a) The Statewide Central Registry concerning an applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, or an employee of the department of juvenile justice services, to determine whether there has been a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against the applicant or employee; and

(b) The central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years to ensure satisfactory clearance with that registry.

3. Each applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, and each employee of the department of juvenile justice services, must submit to the department of juvenile justice services:



(a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints and written authorization to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and

(b) Written authorization for the department of juvenile justice services to obtain any information that may be available from the Statewide Central Registry or the central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years.

4. The department of juvenile justice services may exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information concerning the fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section.

5. When a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is received by the Central Repository, the Central Repository shall immediately forward a copy of the report to the department of juvenile justice services for a determination of whether the applicant or employee has criminal charges pending against him or her for a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

6. A department of juvenile justice services shall conduct an investigation of each employee of the department pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

7. As used in this section, "Statewide Central Registry" means the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established by NRS 432.100.

Sec. 18. NRS 62G.353 is hereby amended to read as follows:

62G.353 1. A department of juvenile justice services shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of each applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, and each employee of the department of juvenile justice services, to determine:

(a) Whether the applicant or employee has been convicted of:

(1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter or mayhem;

(2) Any felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;

(3) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;



(4) Battery which results in substantial bodily harm to the victim;

(5) Battery that constitutes domestic violence that is punishable as a felony;

(6) Battery that constitutes domestic violence, other than a battery described in subparagraph (5), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(7) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or an offense involving pornography and a minor;

(8) A crime involving pandering or prostitution, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 201.295 to 201.440, inclusive;

(9) Abuse or neglect of a child, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.508 or 200.5083 or contributory delinquency;

(10) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(11) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance that is punishable as a felony;

(12) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, other than a violation described in subparagraph (11), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(13) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~+~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or

(14) Any offense involving arson, fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property or perjury within the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(b) Whether there are criminal charges pending against the applicant or employee for a violation of an offense listed in paragraph (a).

2. A department of juvenile justice services shall request information from:



(a) The Statewide Central Registry concerning an applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, or an employee of the department of juvenile justice services, to determine whether there has been a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against the applicant or employee; and

(b) The central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years to ensure satisfactory clearance with that registry.

3. Each applicant for employment with the department of juvenile justice services, and each employee of the department of juvenile justice services, must submit to the department of juvenile justice services:

(a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints and written authorization to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and

(b) Written authorization for the department of juvenile justice services to obtain any information that may be available from the Statewide Central Registry or the central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years.

4. The department of juvenile justice services may exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information concerning the fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section.

5. When a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is received by the Central Repository, the Central Repository shall immediately forward a copy of the report to the department of juvenile justice services for a determination of whether the applicant or employee has criminal charges pending against him or her for a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

6. A department of juvenile justice services shall conduct an investigation of each employee of the department pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

7. As used in this section, "Statewide Central Registry" means the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established by NRS 432.100.



Sec. 19. NRS 159.044 is hereby amended to read as follows:

159.044 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 127.045, a proposed ward, a governmental agency, a nonprofit corporation or any interested person may petition the court for the appointment of a guardian.

2. To the extent the petitioner knows or reasonably may ascertain or obtain, the petition must include, without limitation:

(a) The name and address of the petitioner.

(b) The name, date of birth and current address of the proposed ward.

(c) A copy of one of the following forms of identification of the proposed ward which must be placed in the records relating to the guardianship proceeding and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 or as otherwise required to carry out a specific statute, maintained in a confidential manner:

(1) A social security number;

(2) A taxpayer identification number;

(3) A valid driver's license number;

(4) A valid identification card number; or

(5) A valid passport number.

➔ If the information required pursuant to this paragraph is not included with the petition, the information must be provided to the court not later than 120 days after the appointment of a guardian or as otherwise ordered by the court.

(d) If the proposed ward is a minor, the date on which the proposed ward will attain the age of majority and:

(1) Whether there is a current order concerning custody and, if so, the state in which the order was issued; and

(2) Whether the petitioner anticipates that the proposed ward will need guardianship after attaining the age of majority.

(e) Whether the proposed ward is a resident or nonresident of this State.

(f) The names and addresses of the spouse of the proposed ward and the relatives of the proposed ward who are within the second degree of consanguinity.

(g) The name, date of birth and current address of the proposed guardian. If the proposed guardian is a private professional guardian, the petition must include proof that the guardian meets the requirements of NRS 159.0595. If the proposed guardian is not a private professional guardian, the petition must include a statement that the guardian currently is not receiving compensation for services as a guardian to more than one ward who is not related to the person by blood or marriage.



(h) A copy of one of the following forms of identification of the proposed guardian which must be placed in the records relating to the guardianship proceeding and, except as otherwise provided in NRS 239.0115 or as otherwise required to carry out a specific statute, maintained in a confidential manner:

- (1) A social security number;
- (2) A taxpayer identification number;
- (3) A valid driver's license number;
- (4) A valid identification card number; or
- (5) A valid passport number.

(i) Whether the proposed guardian has ever been convicted of a felony and, if so, information concerning the crime for which the proposed guardian was convicted and whether the proposed guardian was placed on probation or parole.

(j) A summary of the reasons why a guardian is needed and recent documentation demonstrating the need for a guardianship. If the proposed ward is an adult, the documentation must include, without limitation:

(1) A certificate signed by a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this State or who is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, a letter signed by any governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations or a certificate signed by any other person whom the court finds qualified to execute a certificate, stating:

- (I) The need for a guardian;
- (II) Whether the proposed ward presents a danger to himself or herself or others;
- (III) Whether the proposed ward's attendance at a hearing would be detrimental to the proposed ward;
- (IV) Whether the proposed ward would comprehend the reason for a hearing or contribute to the proceeding; and
- (V) Whether the proposed ward is capable of living independently with or without assistance; and

(2) If the proposed ward is determined to have the limited capacity to consent to the appointment of a special guardian, a written consent to the appointment of a special guardian from the ward.

(k) Whether the appointment of a general or a special guardian is sought.

(l) A general description and the probable value of the property of the proposed ward and any income to which the proposed ward is or will be entitled, if the petition is for the appointment of a guardian of the estate or a special guardian. If any money is paid or



is payable to the proposed ward by the United States through the Department of Veterans Affairs, the petition must so state.

(m) The name and address of any person or care provider having the care, custody or control of the proposed ward.

(n) If the petitioner is not the spouse or natural child of the proposed ward, a declaration explaining the relationship of the petitioner to the proposed ward or to the proposed ward's family or friends, if any, and the interest, if any, of the petitioner in the appointment.

(o) Requests for any of the specific powers set forth in NRS 159.117 to 159.175, inclusive, necessary to enable the guardian to carry out the duties of the guardianship.

(p) If the guardianship is sought as the result of an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, ~~or~~ exploitation, *isolation or abandonment* of the proposed ward, whether the referral was from a law enforcement agency or a state or county agency.

(q) Whether the proposed ward or the proposed guardian is a party to any pending criminal or civil litigation.

(r) Whether the guardianship is sought for the purpose of initiating litigation.

(s) Whether the proposed ward has executed a durable power of attorney for health care, a durable power of attorney for financial matters or a written nomination of guardian and, if so, who the named agents are for each document.

(t) Whether the proposed guardian has filed for or received protection under the federal bankruptcy laws within the immediately preceding 7 years.

3. Before the court makes a finding pursuant to NRS 159.054, a petitioner seeking a guardian for a proposed adult ward must provide the court with an assessment of the needs of the proposed adult ward completed by a licensed physician which identifies the limitations of capacity of the proposed adult ward and how such limitations affect the ability of the proposed adult ward to maintain his or her safety and basic needs. The court may prescribe the form in which the assessment of the needs of the proposed adult ward must be filed.

Sec. 20. NRS 159.0523 is hereby amended to read as follows:

159.0523 1. A petitioner may request the court to appoint a temporary guardian for a ward who is an adult and who is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or to a need for immediate medical attention. To support the request, the petitioner must set forth in a petition and present to the court under oath:



(a) Documentation which shows the proposed ward faces a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or needs immediate medical attention and lacks capacity to respond to the risk of harm or obtain the necessary medical attention. Such documentation must include, without limitation, a certificate signed by a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this State or who is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, a letter signed by any governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations or a police report indicating:

(1) That the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or to a need for immediate medical attention;

(2) Whether the proposed ward presents a danger to himself or herself or others; and

(3) Whether the proposed ward is or has been subjected to abuse, neglect, ~~fraud~~ exploitation ~~fraud~~, *isolation or abandonment*; and

(b) Facts which show that:

(1) The petitioner has tried in good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 by telephone or in writing before the filing of the petition;

(2) The proposed ward would be exposed to an immediate risk of physical harm if the petitioner were to provide notice to the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 before the court determines whether to appoint a temporary guardian; or

(3) Giving notice to the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 is not feasible under the circumstances.

2. The court may appoint a temporary guardian to serve for 10 days if the court:

(a) Finds reasonable cause to believe that the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or to a need for immediate medical attention; and

(b) Is satisfied that the petitioner has tried in good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 or that giving notice to those persons is not feasible under the circumstances, or determines that such notice is not required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, after the appointment of a temporary guardian, the petitioner shall attempt in good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047, including, without limitation, notice of any hearing to extend the temporary guardianship. If the petitioner fails to make such an effort, the court may terminate the temporary guardianship.



4. If, before the appointment of a temporary guardian, the court determined that advance notice was not required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of subsection 1, the petitioner shall notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 without undue delay, but not later than 48 hours after the appointment of the temporary guardian or not later than 48 hours after the petitioner discovers the existence, identity and location of the persons entitled to notice pursuant to that section. If the petitioner fails to provide such notice, the court may terminate the temporary guardianship.

5. Not later than 10 days after the date of the appointment of a temporary guardian pursuant to subsection 2, the court shall hold a hearing to determine the need to extend the temporary guardianship. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the court may extend the temporary guardianship until a general or special guardian is appointed pursuant to subsection 8 if:

(a) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or to a need for immediate medical attention; and

(b) The extension of the temporary guardianship is necessary and in the best interests of the proposed ward.

6. If the court appoints a temporary guardian or extends the temporary guardianship pursuant to this section, the court shall limit the powers of the temporary guardian to those necessary to respond to the substantial and immediate risk of physical harm or to a need for immediate medical attention.

7. The court may not extend a temporary guardianship pursuant to subsection 5 beyond the initial period of 10 days unless the petitioner demonstrates that:

(a) The provisions of NRS 159.0475 have been satisfied; or

(b) Notice by publication pursuant to N.R.C.P. 4(e) is currently being undertaken.

8. The court may extend the temporary guardianship, for good cause shown, for not more than two successive 60-day periods, except that the court shall not cause the temporary guardianship to continue longer than 5 months unless extraordinary circumstances are shown.

Sec. 21. NRS 159.0525 is hereby amended to read as follows:

159.0525 1. A petitioner may request the court to appoint a temporary guardian for a ward who is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss. To support the



request, the petitioner must set forth in a petition and present to the court under oath:

(a) Documentation which shows that the proposed ward faces a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss and lacks capacity to respond to the risk of loss. Such documentation must include, without limitation, a certificate signed by a physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this State or who is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, a letter signed by any governmental agency in this State which conducts investigations or a police report indicating:

(1) That the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss;

(2) Whether the proposed ward can live independently with or without assistance or services; and

(3) Whether the proposed ward is or has been subjected to abuse, neglect, ~~fraud~~ exploitation ~~fraud~~, *isolation or abandonment*;

(b) A detailed explanation of what risks the proposed ward faces, including, without limitation, termination of utilities or other services because of nonpayment, initiation of eviction or foreclosure proceedings, exploitation or loss of assets as the result of fraud, coercion or undue influence; and

(c) Facts which show that:

(1) The petitioner has tried in good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 by telephone or in writing before the filing of the petition;

(2) The proposed ward would be exposed to an immediate risk of financial loss if the petitioner were to provide notice to the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 before the court determines whether to appoint a temporary guardian; or

(3) Giving notice to the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 is not feasible under the circumstances.

2. The court may appoint a temporary guardian to serve for 10 days if the court:

(a) Finds reasonable cause to believe that the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss; and

(b) Is satisfied that the petitioner has tried in good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 or that giving notice to those persons is not feasible under the circumstances, or determines that such notice is not required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1.

3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, after the appointment of a temporary guardian, the petitioner shall attempt in



good faith to notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047, including, without limitation, notice of any hearing to extend the temporary guardianship. If the petitioner fails to make such an effort, the court may terminate the temporary guardianship.

4. If, before the appointment of a temporary guardian, the court determined that advance notice was not required pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c) of subsection 1, the petitioner shall notify the persons entitled to notice pursuant to NRS 159.047 without undue delay, but not later than 48 hours after the appointment of the temporary guardian or not later than 48 hours after the petitioner discovers the existence, identity and location of the persons entitled to notice pursuant to that section. If the petitioner fails to provide such notice, the court may terminate the temporary guardianship.

5. Not later than 10 days after the date of the appointment of a temporary guardian pursuant to subsection 2, the court shall hold a hearing to determine the need to extend the temporary guardianship. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 7, the court may extend the temporary guardianship until a general or special guardian is appointed pursuant to subsection 8 if:

(a) The court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the proposed ward is unable to respond to a substantial and immediate risk of financial loss; and

(b) The extension of the temporary guardianship is necessary and in the best interests of the proposed ward.

6. If the court appoints a temporary guardian or extends the temporary guardianship pursuant to this section, the court shall limit the powers of the temporary guardian to those necessary to respond to the substantial and immediate risk of financial loss, specifically limiting the temporary guardian's authority to take possession of, close or have access to any accounts of the ward or to sell or dispose of tangible personal property of the ward to only that authority as needed to provide for the ward's basic living expenses until a general or special guardian can be appointed. The court may freeze any or all of the ward's accounts to protect such accounts from loss.

7. The court may not extend a temporary guardianship pursuant to subsection 5 beyond the initial period of 10 days unless the petitioner demonstrates that:

(a) The provisions of NRS 159.0475 have been satisfied; or

(b) Notice by publication pursuant to N.R.C.P. 4(e) is currently being undertaken.

8. The court may extend the temporary guardianship, for good cause shown, for not more than two successive 60-day periods,



except that the court shall not cause the temporary guardianship to continue longer than 5 months unless extraordinary circumstances are shown.

Sec. 22. NRS 159.059 is hereby amended to read as follows:

159.059 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 159.0595, any qualified person or entity that the court finds suitable may serve as a guardian. A person is not qualified to serve as a guardian who:

1. Is an incompetent.
2. Is a minor.
3. Has been convicted of a felony, unless the court determines that such conviction should not disqualify the person from serving as the guardian of the ward.
4. Has been suspended for misconduct or disbarred from:
 - (a) The practice of law;
 - (b) The practice of accounting; or
 - (c) Any other profession which:
 - (1) Involves or may involve the management or sale of money, investments, securities or real property; and
 - (2) Requires licensure in this State or any other state,
↳ during the period of the suspension or disbarment.
5. Is a nonresident of this State and:
 - (a) Has not associated as a coguardian, a resident of this State or a banking corporation whose principal place of business is in this State; and
 - (b) Is not a petitioner in the guardianship proceeding.
6. Has been judicially determined, by clear and convincing evidence, to have committed abuse, neglect, ~~for~~ exploitation, *isolation or abandonment* of a child, spouse, parent or other adult, unless the court finds that it is in the best interests of the ward to appoint the person as the guardian of the ward.

Sec. 23. NRS 159.1999 is hereby amended to read as follows:

159.1999 1. A court of this State having jurisdiction to appoint a guardian may decline to exercise its jurisdiction if it determines at any time that a court of another state is a more appropriate forum.

2. If a court of this State declines to exercise its jurisdiction under subsection 1, it shall either dismiss or stay the proceedings. The court may impose any condition the court considers just and proper, including the condition that a petition for the appointment of a guardian be filed promptly in another state.

3. In determining whether it is an appropriate forum, the court shall consider all relevant factors, including, without limitation:

- (a) Any expressed preference of the ward;



(b) Whether abuse, neglect, ~~or~~ exploitation, *isolation or abandonment* of the ward has occurred or is likely to occur and which state could best protect the ward from the abuse, neglect, ~~or~~ exploitation ~~or~~, *isolation or abandonment*;

(c) The length of time the ward was physically present in or was a legal resident of this State or another state;

(d) The distance of the ward from the court in each state;

(e) The financial circumstances of the ward's estate;

(f) The nature and location of the evidence;

(g) The ability of the court in each state to decide the issue expeditiously and the procedures necessary to present evidence;

(h) The familiarity of the court of each state with the facts and issues in the proceeding; and

(i) If an appointment were made, the court's ability to monitor the conduct of the guardian.

Sec. 24. NRS 162A.370 is hereby amended to read as follows:
162A.370 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

(a) A person shall either accept an acknowledged power of attorney, or request a certification, a translation or an opinion of counsel pursuant to NRS 162A.360, not later than 10 business days after presentation of the power of attorney for acceptance;

(b) If a person requests a certification, a translation or an opinion of counsel pursuant to NRS 162A.360, the person shall accept the power of attorney not later than 5 business days after receipt of the certification, translation or opinion of counsel; and

(c) A person may not require an additional or different form of power of attorney for authority granted in the power of attorney presented.

2. A person is not required to accept an acknowledged power of attorney if:

(a) The person is not otherwise required to engage in a transaction with the principal in the same circumstances;

(b) Engaging in a transaction with the agent or the principal in the same circumstances would be inconsistent with federal law;

(c) The person has actual knowledge of the termination of the agent's authority or of the power of attorney before exercise of the power;

(d) A request for a certification, a translation or an opinion of counsel pursuant to NRS 162A.360 is refused;

(e) The person in good faith believes that the power is not valid or that the agent does not have the authority to perform the act requested, whether or not a certification, a translation or an opinion



of counsel has been requested or provided pursuant to NRS 162A.360; or

(f) The person makes, or has actual knowledge that another person has made, a report pursuant to NRS 200.5093 stating a good faith belief that the principal may be subject to abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* by the agent or a person acting for or with the agent.

3. A person that refuses in violation of this section to accept an acknowledged power of attorney is subject to:

(a) A court order mandating acceptance of the power of attorney; and

(b) Liability for reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred in any action or proceeding that confirms the validity of the power of attorney or mandates acceptance of the power of attorney.

Sec. 25. NRS 174.175 is hereby amended to read as follows:

174.175 1. If it appears that a prospective witness is an older person or a vulnerable person or may be unable to attend or prevented from attending a trial or hearing, that the witness's testimony is material and that it is necessary to take the witness's deposition in order to prevent a failure of justice, the court at any time after the filing of an indictment, information or complaint may, upon motion of a defendant or of the State and notice to the parties, order that the witness's testimony be taken by deposition and that any designated books, papers, documents or tangible objects, not privileged, be produced at the same time and place. If the motion is for the deposition of an older person or a vulnerable person, the court may enter an order to take the deposition only upon good cause shown to the court. If the deposition is taken upon motion of the State, the court shall order that it be taken under such conditions as will afford to each defendant the opportunity to confront the witnesses against him or her.

2. If a witness is committed for failure to give bail to appear to testify at a trial or hearing, the court, on written motion of the witness and upon notice to the parties, may direct that the witness's deposition be taken. After the deposition has been subscribed, the court may discharge the witness.

3. This section does not apply to the prosecutor, or to an accomplice in the commission of the offense charged.

4. As used in this section:

(a) "Older person" means a person who is 70 years of age or older.

(b) "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.



Sec. 26. NRS 179A.450 is hereby amended to read as follows:

179A.450 1. The Repository for Information Concerning Crimes Against Older Persons is hereby created within the Central Repository.

2. The Repository for Information Concerning Crimes Against Older Persons must contain a complete and systematic record of all reports of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons in this State. The record must be prepared in a manner approved by the Director of the Department and must include, without limitation, the following information:

(a) All incidents that are reported to any entity.

(b) All cases that are currently under investigation and the type of such cases.

(c) All cases that are referred for prosecution and the type of such cases.

(d) All cases in which prosecution is declined or dismissed and any reason for such action.

(e) All cases that are prosecuted and the final disposition of such cases.

(f) All cases that are resolved by agencies which provide protective services and the type of such cases.

3. The Director of the Department shall compile and analyze the data collected pursuant to this section to assess the incidence of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons.

4. On or before July 1 of each year, the Director of the Department shall prepare and submit a report to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the Legislature that sets forth statistical data on the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons.

5. The data acquired pursuant to this section is confidential and must be used only for the purpose of research. The data and findings generated pursuant to this section must not contain information that may reveal the identity of an individual victim or a person accused of the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons.

6. As used in this section:

(a) *“Abandonment” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.5092.*

(b) *“Abuse” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.5092.*

~~(b)~~ (c) *“Exploitation” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.5092.*



~~(e)~~ (d) “Isolation” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.5092.

~~(d)~~ (e) “Neglect” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.5092.

~~(e)~~ (f) “Older person” means a person who is 60 years of age or older.

Sec. 27. NRS 217.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:
217.070 “Victim” means:

1. A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a criminal act;

2. A minor who was involved in the production of pornography in violation of NRS 200.710, 200.720, 200.725 or 200.730;

3. A minor who was sexually abused, as “sexual abuse” is defined in NRS 432B.100;

4. A person who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a violation of NRS 484C.110 or any act or neglect of duty punishable pursuant to NRS 484C.430 or 484C.440;

5. A pedestrian who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of a driver of a motor vehicle who failed to stop at the scene of an accident involving the driver and the pedestrian in violation of NRS 484E.010;

6. An older person who is abused, neglected, exploited, ~~for~~ isolated *or abandoned* in violation of NRS 200.5099 or 200.50995;

7. A resident who is physically injured or killed as the direct result of an act of international terrorism as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2331(1); or

8. A person who is trafficked in violation of subsection 2 of NRS 201.300.

↳ The term includes a person who was harmed by any of these acts whether the act was committed by an adult or a minor.

Sec. 28. NRS 218E.760 is hereby amended to read as follows:

218E.760 1. The Committee may review, study and comment upon issues relating to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs, including, without limitation:

(a) Initiatives to ensure the financial and physical wellness of senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(b) The abuse, neglect, ~~isolation and~~ exploitation, *isolation and abandonment* of senior citizens and adults with special needs;

(c) Public outreach and advocacy;

(d) Programs for the provision of services to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs in this State and methods to enhance such programs to ensure that services are provided in the most appropriate setting;



(e) Programs that provide services and care in the home which allow senior citizens to remain at home and live independently instead of in institutional care;

(f) The availability of useful information and data as needed for the State of Nevada to effectively make decisions, plan budgets and monitor costs and outcomes of services provided to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(g) Laws relating to the appointment of a guardian and the improvement of laws for the protection of senior citizens and adults with special needs who have been appointed a guardian, including, without limitation, the improvement of investigations relating to guardianships and systems for monitoring guardianships; and

(h) The improvement of facilities for long-term care in this State, including, without limitation:

(1) Reducing the number of persons placed in facilities for long-term care located outside this State;

(2) Creating units for acute care and long-term care to treat persons suffering from dementia who exhibit behavioral problems;

(3) Developing alternatives to placement in facilities for long-term care, including, without limitation, units for long-term care located in other types of facilities, and ensuring that such alternatives are available throughout this State for the treatment of persons with psychological needs; and

(4) Creating a program to provide follow-up care and to track the ongoing progress of residents of facilities for long-term care.

2. The Committee may:

(a) Review, study and comment upon matters relating to senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs;

(b) Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection with its duties pursuant to this section and exercise any of the investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140, inclusive;

(c) Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the research, investigations, hearings and studies of the Committee; and

(d) Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning senior citizens, veterans and adults with special needs.

3. The Committee shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-numbered year, submit to the Director for transmittal to the next regular session a report concerning the study conducted pursuant to subsection 1.

4. As used in this section, "facility for long-term care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 427A.028.



Sec. 29. NRS 228.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

228.270 1. The Unit may investigate and prosecute any alleged abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~+~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person in violation of NRS 200.5099 or 200.50995 and any failure to report such a violation pursuant to NRS 200.5093:

(a) At the request of the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred;

(b) If the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred fails, neglects or refuses to prosecute the violation; or

(c) Jointly with the district attorney of the county in which the violation occurred.

2. The Unit may organize or sponsor one or more multidisciplinary teams to review any allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~+~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or the death of an older person that is alleged to be from abuse, neglect, ~~+~~ isolation ~~+~~ *or abandonment*. A multidisciplinary team may include, without limitation, the following members:

(a) A representative of the Unit;

(b) Any law enforcement agency that is involved with the case under review;

(c) The district attorney's office in the county where the case is under review;

(d) The Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services or the county's office of protective services, if one exists in the county where the case is under review;

(e) A representative of the coroner's office; and

(f) Any other medical professional or financial professional that the Attorney General deems appropriate for the review.

3. Each organization represented on a multidisciplinary team may share with other members of the team information in its possession concerning the older person who is the subject of the review or any person who was in contact with the older person and any other information deemed by the organization to be pertinent to the review. Any information shared by an organization with other members of a team is confidential.

4. The organizing or sponsoring of a multidisciplinary team pursuant to subsection 2 does not grant the Unit supervisory authority over, or restrict or impair the statutory authority of, any state or local agency responsible for the investigation or prosecution of allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~+~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or the death of an older person that



is alleged to be the result of abuse, neglect , ~~for~~ isolation ~~or~~ *or abandonment*.

Sec. 30. NRS 228.275 is hereby amended to read as follows:

228.275 The Unit may bring an action to enjoin or obtain any other equitable relief to prevent the abuse, neglect, exploitation , ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person. The court may award reasonable attorney's fees and costs if the Unit prevails in such an action.

Sec. 31. NRS 228.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

228.280 1. In addition to any criminal penalty, a person who is convicted of a crime against an older person for which an additional term of imprisonment may be imposed pursuant to paragraph (h), (i) or (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 193.167 or of the abuse, neglect, exploitation , ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person pursuant to NRS 200.5099 or 200.50995 is liable for a civil penalty to be recovered by the Attorney General in a civil action brought in the name of the State of Nevada:

(a) For the first offense, in an amount which is not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$20,000.

(b) For a second or subsequent offense, in an amount which is not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$30,000.

2. The Attorney General shall deposit any money collected for civil penalties pursuant to subsection 1 in equal amounts to:

(a) A separate account in the Fund for the Compensation of Victims of Crime created pursuant to NRS 217.260 to provide compensation to older persons who are:

(1) Victims of a crime for which an additional term of imprisonment may be imposed pursuant to paragraph (h), (i) or (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 193.167; or

(2) Abused, neglected, exploited , ~~for~~ isolated *or abandoned* in violation of NRS 200.5099 and 200.50995.

(b) The Account for the Unit for the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes Against Older Persons created pursuant to NRS 228.285.

Sec. 32. NRS 228.495 is hereby amended to read as follows:

228.495 1. The Attorney General may organize or sponsor one or more multidisciplinary teams to review the death of the victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018 if a court or an agency of a local government does not organize or sponsor a multidisciplinary team pursuant to NRS 217.475 or if the court or agency requests the assistance of the Attorney General. In addition to the review of a particular case, a



multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored by the Attorney General pursuant to this section shall:

(a) Examine the trends and patterns of deaths of victims of crimes that constitute domestic violence in this State;

(b) Determine the number and type of incidents the team wishes to review;

(c) Make policy and other recommendations for the prevention of deaths from crimes that constitute domestic violence;

(d) Engage in activities to educate the public, providers of services to victims of domestic violence and policymakers concerning deaths from crimes that constitute domestic violence and strategies for intervention and prevention of such crimes; and

(e) Recommend policies, practices and services to encourage collaboration and reduce the number of deaths from crimes that constitute domestic violence.

2. A multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section may include, without limitation, the following members:

(a) A representative of the Attorney General;

(b) A representative of any law enforcement agency that is involved with a case under review;

(c) A representative of the district attorney's office in the county where a case is under review;

(d) A representative of the coroner's office in the county where a case is under review;

(e) A representative of any agency which provides social services that is involved in a case under review;

(f) A person appointed pursuant to subsection 3; and

(g) Any other person that the Attorney General determines is appropriate.

3. An organization that is concerned with domestic violence may apply to the Attorney General or his or her designee for authorization to appoint a member to a multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section. Such an application must be made in the form and manner prescribed by the Attorney General and is subject to the approval of the Attorney General or his or her designee.

4. Each organization represented on a multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section may share with other members of the team information in its possession concerning a victim who is the subject of a review or any person who was in contact with the victim and any other information deemed by the organization to be pertinent to the review. Any information shared by an organization with other members of a team is confidential.



5. The organizing or sponsoring of a multidisciplinary team pursuant to this section does not grant the Attorney General supervisory authority over, or restrict or impair the statutory authority of, any state or local governmental agency responsible for the investigation or prosecution of the death of a victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence pursuant to NRS 33.018.

6. Before organizing or sponsoring a multidisciplinary team pursuant to this section, the Attorney General shall adopt a written protocol describing the objectives and structure of the team.

7. A multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section may request any person, agency or organization that is in possession of information or records concerning a victim who is the subject of a review or any person who was in contact with the victim to provide the team with any information or records that are relevant to the review. Any information or records provided to a team pursuant to this subsection are confidential.

8. A multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section may, if appropriate, meet with any person, agency or organization that the team believes may have information relevant to a review conducted by the team, including, without limitation, a multidisciplinary team:

(a) To review the death of the victim of a crime that constitutes domestic violence organized or sponsored pursuant to NRS 217.475;

(b) To review any allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an older person or the death of an older person that is alleged to be from abuse, neglect, ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* organized pursuant to NRS 228.270;

(c) To review the death of a child organized pursuant to NRS 432B.405; or

(d) To oversee the review of the death of a child organized pursuant to NRS 432B.4075.

9. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 10, each member of a multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section is immune from civil or criminal liability for an activity related to the review of the death of a victim.

10. Each member of a multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section who discloses any confidential information concerning the death of a child is personally liable for a civil penalty of not more than \$500.

11. The Attorney General:



(a) May bring an action to recover a civil penalty imposed pursuant to subsection 10 against a member of a multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section; and

(b) Shall deposit any money received from the civil penalty with the State Treasurer for credit to the State General Fund.

12. The results of a review of the death of a victim conducted pursuant to this section are not admissible in any civil action or proceeding.

13. A multidisciplinary team organized or sponsored pursuant to this section shall submit a report of its activities to the Attorney General. The report must include, without limitation, the findings and recommendations of the team. The report must not include information that identifies any person involved in a particular case under review. The Attorney General shall make the report available to the public.

Sec. 33. NRS 289.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:
289.510 1. The Commission:

(a) Shall meet at the call of the Chair, who must be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Commission.

(b) Shall provide for and encourage the training and education of persons whose primary duty is law enforcement to ensure the safety of the residents of and visitors to this State.

(c) Shall adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers. The regulations must establish:

(1) Requirements for basic training for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers;

(2) Standards for programs for the continuing education of peace officers, including minimum courses of study and requirements concerning attendance;

(3) Qualifications for instructors of peace officers; and

(4) Requirements for the certification of a course of training.

(d) Shall, when necessary, present courses of training and continuing education courses for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers.

(e) May make necessary inquiries to determine whether the agencies of this State and of the local governments are complying with standards set forth in its regulations.

(f) Shall carry out the duties required of the Commission pursuant to NRS 432B.610 and 432B.620.

(g) May perform any other acts that may be necessary and appropriate to the functions of the Commission as set forth in NRS 289.450 to 289.600, inclusive.



(h) May enter into an interlocal agreement with an Indian tribe to provide training to and certification of persons employed as police officers by that Indian tribe.

2. Regulations adopted by the Commission:

(a) Apply to all agencies of this State and of local governments in this State that employ persons as peace officers;

(b) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the handling of cases involving abuse or neglect of children or missing children;

(c) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the handling of cases involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~hand~~ isolation *and abandonment* of older persons; and

(d) May require that training be carried on at institutions which it approves in those regulations.

Sec. 34. NRS 424.031 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.031 1. The licensing authority or a person or entity designated by the licensing authority shall obtain from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of each applicant for a license to conduct a foster home, person who is licensed to conduct a foster home, employee of that applicant or licensee, and resident of a foster home who is 18 years of age or older, other than a resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594, to determine whether the person investigated has been arrested for, has charges pending for or has been convicted of:

(a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;

(b) Any other felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;

(c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;

(d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime or a felony relating to prostitution;

(e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;

(f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct;



(h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years;

(i) Any offense relating to pornography involving minors, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.700 to 200.760, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct;

(j) Prostitution, solicitation, lewdness or indecent exposure, or any other sexually related crime that is punishable as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

(k) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a felony;

(l) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

(m) A criminal offense under the laws governing Medicaid or Medicare, within the immediately preceding 7 years;

(n) Any offense involving the sale, furnishing, purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 202.015 to 202.067, inclusive, or driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance in violation of chapter 484C of NRS or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct, within the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(o) An attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection within the immediately preceding 7 years.

2. The licensing authority or its approved designee may charge each person investigated pursuant to this section for the reasonable cost of that investigation.

3. Unless a preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation Interstate Identification Index name-based check of the records of criminal history has been conducted pursuant to NRS 424.039, a person who is required to submit to an investigation pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child in a foster home without supervision before the investigation of the background and personal history of the person has been conducted.

4. The licensing authority or its designee shall conduct an investigation of each licensee, employee and resident pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

Sec. 35. NRS 424.145 is hereby amended to read as follows:

424.145 1. The licensing authority or a person designated by the licensing authority shall obtain from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal



history of each applicant for or holder of a license to conduct a foster care agency and each owner, member of the governing body, employee, paid consultant, contractor, volunteer or vendor of that applicant or licensee who may come into direct contact with a child placed by the foster care agency, to determine whether the person investigated has been arrested for, has charges pending for or has been convicted of:

- (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
- (b) Any other felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;
- (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
- (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime or a felony relating to prostitution;
- (e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
- (f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;
- (g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct;
- (h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years;
- (i) Any offense relating to pornography involving minors, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.700 to 200.760, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct;
- (j) Prostitution, solicitation, lewdness or indecent exposure, or any other sexually related crime that is punishable as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
- (k) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a felony;
- (l) A crime involving domestic violence that is punishable as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
- (m) A criminal offense under the laws governing Medicaid or Medicare, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
- (n) Any offense involving the sale, furnishing, purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor,



including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 202.015 to 202.067, inclusive, or driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance in violation of chapter 484C of NRS or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct, within the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(o) An attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in this subsection within the immediately preceding 7 years.

2. Unless a preliminary Federal Bureau of Investigation Interstate Identification Index name-based check of the records of criminal history has been conducted pursuant to NRS 424.039, a person who is required to submit to an investigation pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child in a foster home without supervision before the investigation of the background and personal history of the person is completed.

3. The licensing authority or its designee shall conduct an investigation of each holder of a license to conduct a foster care agency and each owner, member of a governing body, employee, paid consultant, contractor, volunteer or vendor who may come into direct contact with a child placed by the foster care agency pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

Sec. 36. NRS 427A.1234 is hereby amended to read as follows:

427A.1234 1. The Specialist for the Rights of Elderly Persons shall:

(a) Provide advocacy and education relating to the legal rights of elderly persons and shall facilitate the development of legal services to assist elderly persons in securing and maintaining their legal rights.

(b) Provide, upon request, technical assistance, training and other support relating to the legal rights of elderly persons to:

(1) An attorney who is providing legal services for an elderly person;

(2) An employee of a law enforcement agency;

(3) The Ombudsman or an advocate;

(4) An employee of an office for protective services of any county; and

(5) An employee of the Division.

(c) Review existing and proposed policies, legislation and regulations that affect elderly persons and make recommendations as appropriate to the Administrator.



(d) Review and analyze information relating to the nature and extent of abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *and abandonment* of elderly persons to identify services that need to be provided, including, without limitation:

(1) Methods of intervening on behalf of an elderly person to protect the elderly person from abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation ~~or~~ *abandonment*; and

(2) Enforcing the laws of this state governing abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~and~~ isolation *and abandonment* of elderly persons.

2. The Specialist for the Rights of Elderly Persons may:

(a) Have access to, inspect, copy and subpoena all records in the possession of any clerk of a court, law enforcement agency or public or private institution, wherever situated, that relate to the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an elderly person.

(b) Have access to all written records in the possession of any person, government, governmental agency or political subdivision of a government that relate to the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an elderly person.

(c) Represent and assist any incompetent person until a guardian is appointed for that person.

(d) Use the information obtained pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b) to resolve complaints relating to the abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of an elderly person.

(e) Develop services relating to financial management for an elderly person who is at risk of having a guardian or conservator appointed by a court to manage his or her property.

(f) Appear as amicus curiae on behalf of elderly persons in any court in this state.

(g) Perform such other functions as are necessary to carry out the duties and the functions of the office of the Specialist for the Rights of Elderly Persons.

Sec. 37. NRS 432A.170 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432A.170 1. The Division may, upon receipt of an application for a license to operate a child care facility, conduct an investigation into the:

(a) Buildings or premises of the facility and, if the application is for an outdoor youth program, the area of operation of the program;

(b) Qualifications and background of the applicant or the employees of the applicant;

(c) Method of operation for the facility; and

(d) Policies and purposes of the applicant.



2. The Division shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of every applicant, licensee or employee of an applicant or licensee, or every resident of a child care facility who is 18 years of age or older, other than a resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594, or participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older, to determine whether the person has been convicted of:

- (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
- (b) Any other felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;
- (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
- (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;
- (e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
- (f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;
- (g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~isolation~~ *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or
- (h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years.

3. The Division shall request information concerning every applicant, licensee or employee of an applicant or licensee, or every resident of a child care facility who is 18 years of age or older, other than a resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594, or participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older, from:

- (a) The Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report pursuant to NRS 432A.175; and
- (b) The Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established pursuant to NRS 432.100 to determine whether there has been a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against any of them.

4. The Division may charge each person investigated pursuant to this section for the reasonable cost of that investigation.



5. The information required to be obtained pursuant to subsections 2 and 3 must be requested concerning an:

(a) Employee of an applicant or licensee, resident of a child care facility who is 18 years of age or older, other than a resident who remains under the jurisdiction of a court pursuant to NRS 432B.594, or participant in an outdoor youth program who is 18 years of age or older not later than 3 days after the employee is hired, the residency begins or the participant begins participating in the program, and then at least once every 5 years thereafter.

(b) Applicant at the time that an application is submitted for licensure, and then at least once every 5 years after the license is issued.

6. A person who is required to submit to an investigation required pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child in a child care facility without supervision before the investigation of the background and personal history of the person has been conducted.

Sec. 38. NRS 432B.198 is hereby amended to read as follows:

432B.198 1. An agency which provides child welfare services shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of each applicant for employment with the agency, and each employee of the agency, to determine:

(a) Whether the applicant or employee has been convicted of:

(1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter or mayhem;

(2) Any felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;

(3) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;

(4) Battery which results in substantial bodily harm to the victim;

(5) Battery that constitutes domestic violence that is punishable as a felony;

(6) Battery that constitutes domestic violence, other than a battery described in subparagraph (5), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(7) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or an offense involving pornography and a minor;

(8) A crime involving pandering or prostitution, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 201.295 to 201.440, inclusive;



(9) Abuse or neglect of a child, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.508 or 200.5083 or contributory delinquency;

(10) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;

(11) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance that is punishable as a felony;

(12) A violation of any federal or state law prohibiting driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance, other than a violation described in subparagraph (11), within the immediately preceding 3 years;

(13) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~or~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or

(14) Any offense involving arson, fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property or perjury within the immediately preceding 7 years; or

(b) Whether there are criminal charges pending against the applicant or employee for a violation of an offense listed in paragraph (a).

2. An agency which provides child welfare services shall request information from:

(a) The Statewide Central Registry concerning an applicant for employment with the agency, or an employee of the agency, to determine whether there has been a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against the applicant or employee; and

(b) The central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years to ensure satisfactory clearance with that registry.

3. Each applicant for employment with an agency which provides child welfare services, and each employee of an agency which provides child welfare services, must submit to the agency:

(a) A complete set of his or her fingerprints and written authorization to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository



for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report; and

(b) Written authorization for the agency to obtain any information that may be available from the Statewide Central Registry or the central registry of information concerning the abuse or neglect of a child established by any other state in which the applicant or employee resided within the immediately preceding 5 years.

4. An agency which provides child welfare services may exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information concerning the fingerprints submitted pursuant to this section.

5. When a report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation is received by the Central Repository, the Central Repository shall immediately forward a copy of the report to the agency which provides child welfare services for a determination of whether the applicant or employee has criminal charges pending against him or her for a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1 or has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

6. An agency which provides child welfare services shall conduct an investigation of each employee of the agency pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

7. As used in this section, "Statewide Central Registry" means the Statewide Central Registry for the Collection of Information Concerning the Abuse or Neglect of a Child established by NRS 432.100.

Sec. 39. NRS 433B.183 is hereby amended to read as follows:

433B.183 1. A division facility which provides residential treatment to children shall secure from appropriate law enforcement agencies information on the background and personal history of an employee of the facility to determine whether the employee has been convicted of:

- (a) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
- (b) Any other felony involving the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon;
- (c) Assault with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
- (d) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness, indecent exposure or any other sexually related crime;
- (e) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
- (f) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS;



(g) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct; or

(h) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property within the immediately preceding 7 years.

2. An employee must submit to the Division two complete sets of fingerprints and written authorization to forward those fingerprints to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for its report.

3. The Division may exchange with the Central Repository or the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information concerning the fingerprints submitted.

4. The Division may charge an employee investigated pursuant to this section for the reasonable cost of that investigation.

5. An employee who is required to submit to an investigation required pursuant to this section shall not have contact with a child in a division facility without supervision before the investigation of the background and personal history of the employee has been conducted.

6. The division facility shall conduct an investigation of each employee pursuant to this section at least once every 5 years after the initial investigation.

Sec. 40. NRS 449.172 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.172 If the Division suspends or revokes the license of a person who operates a residential facility for groups for abuse, neglect, ~~for~~ *exploitation*, isolation *or abandonment* of the occupants of the facility, the Division shall suspend or revoke the license of all residential facilities for groups operated by that person. The person who operates the facility shall move all of the persons who are receiving services in the residential facilities for groups to other licensed residential facilities for groups at his or her own expense.

Sec. 41. NRS 449.174 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449.174 1. In addition to the grounds listed in NRS 449.160, the Division may deny a license to operate a facility, hospital, agency, program or home to an applicant or may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee to operate such a facility, hospital, agency, program or home if:

(a) The applicant or licensee has been convicted of:



- (1) Murder, voluntary manslaughter or mayhem;
 - (2) Assault or battery with intent to kill or to commit sexual assault or mayhem;
 - (3) Sexual assault, statutory sexual seduction, incest, lewdness or indecent exposure, or any other sexually related crime that is punished as a felony;
 - (4) Prostitution, solicitation, lewdness or indecent exposure, or any other sexually related crime that is punished as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (5) A crime involving domestic violence that is punished as a felony;
 - (6) A crime involving domestic violence that is punished as a misdemeanor, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (7) Abuse or neglect of a child or contributory delinquency;
 - (8) A violation of any federal or state law regulating the possession, distribution or use of any controlled substance or any dangerous drug as defined in chapter 454 of NRS, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (9) Abuse, neglect, exploitation, ~~for~~ isolation *or abandonment* of older persons or vulnerable persons, including, without limitation, a violation of any provision of NRS 200.5091 to 200.50995, inclusive, or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct;
 - (10) A violation of any provision of law relating to the State Plan for Medicaid or a law of any other jurisdiction that prohibits the same or similar conduct, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (11) A violation of any provision of NRS 422.450 to 422.590, inclusive;
 - (12) A criminal offense under the laws governing Medicaid or Medicare, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (13) Any offense involving fraud, theft, embezzlement, burglary, robbery, fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
 - (14) Any other felony involving the use or threatened use of force or violence against the victim or the use of a firearm or other deadly weapon; or
 - (15) An attempt or conspiracy to commit any of the offenses listed in this paragraph, within the immediately preceding 7 years;
- (b) The licensee has, in violation of NRS 449.125, continued to employ a person who has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a); or



(c) The applicant or licensee has had a substantiated report of child abuse or neglect made against him or her and if the facility, hospital, agency, program or home provides residential services to children.

2. In addition to the grounds listed in NRS 449.160, the Division may suspend or revoke the license of a licensee to operate an agency to provide personal care services in the home or an agency to provide nursing in the home if the licensee has, in violation of NRS 449.125, continued to employ a person who has been convicted of a crime listed in paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Domestic violence" means an act described in NRS 33.018.

(b) "Facility, hospital, agency, program or home" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.119.

(c) "Medicaid" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439B.120.

(d) "Medicare" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 439B.130.

Sec. 42. NRS 657.240 is hereby amended to read as follows:

657.240 "Exploitation" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 2 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 43. NRS 657.250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

657.250 "Older person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 5 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 44. NRS 657.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

657.270 "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 45. NRS 673.783 is hereby amended to read as follows:

673.783 "Exploitation" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 2 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 46. NRS 673.787 is hereby amended to read as follows:

673.787 "Older person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 5 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 47. NRS 673.797 is hereby amended to read as follows:

673.797 "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 48. NRS 677.683 is hereby amended to read as follows:

677.683 "Exploitation" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 2 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 49. NRS 677.687 is hereby amended to read as follows:

677.687 "Older person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 5 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 50. NRS 677.697 is hereby amended to read as follows:

677.697 "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in ~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.



Sec. 51. NRS 678.771 is hereby amended to read as follows:
678.771 "Exploitation" has the meaning ascribed to it in
~~subsection 2 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 52. NRS 678.773 is hereby amended to read as follows:
678.773 "Older person" has the meaning ascribed to it in
~~subsection 5 of~~ NRS 200.5092.

Sec. 53. NRS 678.777 is hereby amended to read as follows:
678.777 "Vulnerable person" has the meaning ascribed to it in
~~subsection 7 of~~ NRS 200.5092.



