

CHAPTER 85

HUMAN SERVICES - SOCIAL SERVICES

HOUSE BILL 04-1118

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also SENATOR(S) Lamborn, and Groff.

AN ACT**CONCERNING THE RAMIFICATIONS OF MAKING FALSE REPORTS CONCERNING AT-RISK ADULTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 26-3.1-102 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

26-3.1-102. Reporting requirements. (4) No person, including a person specified in subsection (1) of this section, shall knowingly make a false report of mistreatment or self-neglect to a county department or local law enforcement agency. ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (4) COMMITS A CLASS 3 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-501, C.R.S., AND LIABLE FOR DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED THEREBY.

SECTION 2. Effective date - applicability. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, and shall apply to offenses committed and causes of action arising on or after said date.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: April 5, 2004

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.