

Regular Session, 2010

# ACT No. 342

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVES SIMON, BALDONE, BARROW, HENRY BURNS, TIM BURNS, BURRELL, CARMODY, CHANDLER, CHANEY, CONNICK, CROMER, DOVE, GISCLAIR, GUILLORY, GUINN, HINES, HOWARD, KATZ, LAMBERT, LIGI, LITTLE, MILLS, NOWLIN, POPE, SMILEY, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, STIAES, TEMPLET, TUCKER, WADDELL, AND WOOTON AND SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:1503(2) and to enact R.S. 15:1503(13), relative to mandatory  
3 reporting of abuse of adults; to amend the definition of "abuse"; to provide for a  
4 definition of "sexual abuse"; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:1503(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 15:1503(13)  
7 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1503. Definitions

9 For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following  
10 meanings, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

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12 (2) "Abuse" means the infliction of physical or mental injury, or actions  
13 which may reasonably be expected to inflict physical injury, on an adult by other  
14 parties, including but not limited to such means as sexual abuse, abandonment,  
15 isolation, exploitation, or extortion of funds or other things of value, ~~to such an~~  
16 ~~extent that his health, self-determination, or emotional well-being is endangered.~~

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18 (13) "Sexual abuse" means abuse of an adult, as defined in this Section,  
19 when any of the following occur:

20 (a) The adult is forced, threatened, or otherwise coerced by a person into  
21 sexual activity or contact.

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- (b) The adult is involuntarily exposed to sexually explicit material, sexually
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- explicit language, or sexual activity or contact.
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- (c) The adult lacks the capacity to consent, and a person engages in sexual
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- activity or contact with that adult.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_