

**235B.12 Criminal penalties.**

1. Any person who willfully requests, obtains, or seeks to obtain dependent adult abuse information under false pretenses, or who willfully communicates or seeks to communicate dependent adult abuse information to any person except in accordance with [sections 235B.6 through 235B.8](#), or any person connected with any research authorized pursuant to [section 235B.6](#) who willfully falsifies dependent adult abuse information or any records relating to the information is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. Any person who knowingly, but without criminal purposes, communicates or seeks to communicate dependent adult abuse information except in accordance with [sections 235B.6 through 235B.8](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

2. Any reasonable grounds for belief that a person has violated any provision of [this chapter](#) is grounds for the immediate withdrawal of any authorized access the person might otherwise have to dependent adult abuse information.

[91 Acts, ch 231, §12](#)

Referred to in [§235B.4](#), [235B.8](#), [235B.10](#), [235E.2](#), [235E.4](#)