

## CHAPTER 24

### REPORTING ABUSE OF CHILDREN AND DEPENDENT ADULTS

*S.F. 105*

**AN ACT** relating to the reporting of abuse of children and dependent adults.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 232.68, subsection 4, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

4. "Health practitioner" includes a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopath, osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, optometrist, podiatrist or chiropractor; a resident or intern in any of such professions; a licensed dental hygienist; and any a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

Sec. 2. Section 235B.1, subsection 7, paragraph a, unnumbered paragraph 3, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

Any other person, including but not limited to a volunteer, who believes that a dependent adult has suffered abuse may report the suspected abuse to the department of human services.

Sec. 3. Section 235B.1, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

b. The department of human services shall inform the appropriate county attorneys of any reports. County attorneys, law enforcement agencies, multidisciplinary teams, and social services agencies in the state shall cooperate and assist in the evaluation upon the request of the department. County attorneys and appropriate law enforcement agencies shall also take any other lawful action necessary or advisable for the protection of the dependent adult.

The department may request information from any person believed to have knowledge of a case of dependent adult abuse. The person, including but not limited to a county attorney, a law enforcement agency, a multidisciplinary team, a social services agency, or a person required to report suspected abuse under this subsection, shall provide the information and assist in the evaluation upon the request of the department.

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## CHAPTER 25

### SMALL ESTATE ADMINISTRATION

*S.F. 506*

**AN ACT** relating to the administration of small estates.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 635.1, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

635.1 WHEN APPLICABLE.

1. When the gross value of the probate and nonprobate property of a decedent subject to the jurisdiction of this state does not exceed fifty thousand dollars in property subject to taxation under section 450.3, upon the petition of the spouse or a child of the decedent, the clerk shall issue to a resident of the state of Iowa designated by the petitioner letters of appointment of executor or administrator for administration of a small estate if either of the following occur:

a. The decedent dies intestate and is survived by a spouse, or children, or both.

b. The decedent leaves a last will and testament and that will is admitted to probate but there is no present administration and the only beneficiaries are a spouse, or children, or both.