

House Bill 233

By: Representatives Ralston of the 7th, Mumford of the 95th, Bearden of the 68th, Oliver of the 83rd, and Forster of the 3rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 5 of Title 30 and Code Section 31-8-81 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to protection of disabled adults and elder persons and definitions for the
3 "Long-term Care Facility Resident Abuse Reporting Act," respectively, so as to revise the
4 definition of the term "exploitation"; to change provisions relating to criminal penalties; to
5 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 5 of Title 30 the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to protection of
9 disabled adults and elder persons, is amended by revising paragraph (9) of Code Section
10 30-5-3, relating to definitions, as follows:

11 "(9) 'Exploitation' means the illegal or improper use of a disabled adult or elder person
12 or that person's resources through undue influence, coercion, harassment, duress,
13 deception, false representation, false pretense, or other similar means for another's profit
14 or advantage."

15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (1) subsection (a) of Code Section
17 30-5-8, relating to criminal offenses and penalties, as follows:

18 "(a)(1) In addition to any other provision of law, ~~it shall be unlawful for any person to~~
19 the abuse, neglect, or ~~exploit~~ exploitation of any disabled adult or elder person shall be
20 unlawful."

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 Code Section 31-8-81 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for
23 the "Long-term Care Facility Resident Abuse Reporting Act," is amended by revising
24 paragraph (2) as follows:

