

~~(2) -- "NEGLECT" -- DOES -- NOT -- INCLUDE -- NONMEDICAL -- REMEDIAL CARE -- THAT -- THE -- VULNERABLE -- ADULT -- RECEIVES -- VOLUNTARILY.~~

(2) "NEGLECT" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE PROVIDING OF NONMEDICAL REMEDIAL CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THE HEALING OF INJURY OR DISEASE, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE VULNERABLE ADULT, RECOGNIZED BY STATE LAW INSTEAD OF MEDICAL TREATMENT.

(M) "POLICE OFFICER" MEANS ANY STATE OR LOCAL OFFICER WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE ARRESTS AS PART OF THE OFFICER'S OFFICIAL DUTY.

(N) "REVIEW BOARD" MEANS THE DISABLED PERSON'S REVIEW BOARD.

(O) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

(P) "SELF-NEGLECT" MEANS THE INABILITY OF A VULNERABLE ADULT TO PROVIDE THE VULNERABLE ADULT WITH THE SERVICES:

(1) THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THE VULNERABLE ADULT'S PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH; AND

(2) THE ABSENCE OF WHICH IMPAIRS OR THREATENS THE VULNERABLE ADULT'S WELL-BEING.

(Q) "VULNERABLE ADULT" MEANS AN ADULT WHO LACKS THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPACITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADULT'S DAILY NEEDS.

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(A) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ADULTS WHO LACK THE PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CAPACITY TO CARE FOR THEIR BASIC DAILY LIVING NEEDS SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO AND BE PROVIDED WITH NEEDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.

(B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY INTENDS THAT THE PROVISIONS FOR APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AS GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON BE USED SPARINGLY AND WITH UTMOST CAUTION AND ONLY IF AN ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT EXIST.

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THIS TITLE DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(1) THE ABUSE OF A PATIENT IN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY, UNDER TITLE 10 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

(2) THE ABUSE OF A PATIENT IN A FACILITY FOR MENTALLY RETARDED INDIVIDUALS UNDER TITLE 7 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE; OR

(3) THE ABUSE OF A PATIENT IN A NURSING HOME UNDER TITLE 19 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE ; OR