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Thank you for developing this model legislation to protect vulnerable adults from financial exploitation. It is clear that much work and thought has gone into this document. I have two suggestions:

1. Section 2. Definitions (4) (b). Add the term “conservatorship” so it would read “...power of attorney, conservatorship or guardianship...”. I believe the intent is to capture legal and administrative relations and in some state conservatorships are granted to “manage” finances for “protected persons”.
2. Section 3. Governmental Disclosures. Suggest changing “shall promptly notify” to “shall immediately notify”. This change would help remove an individual’s interpretation of what is considered “promptly”. The need is for APS to get involved as soon as possible, time works against the victim.

Thank you.



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