

HB 551 -- MANDATORY REPORTING IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

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This bill amends provisions relating to reporting of suspected abuse and neglect of a resident of a long-term care facility who is 60 years of age or older or an eligible adult. Currently, a report is required to be made to the Department of Health and Senior Services in the event of suspected abuse or neglect. Under this bill, in the event of suspected sexual assault of the resident, specified mandated reporters shall also report to local law enforcement under the procedures of the federal Elder Justice Act of 2009.

This bill is similar to SB 234 (2015).