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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
03/02/2018	.	
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The Committee on Appropriations (Gibson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 29

insert:

Section 1. Section 415.101, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

415.101 Adult Protective Services Act; legislative intent.—

(1) Sections 415.101-415.113 may be cited as the "Adult Protective Services Act."

(2) The Legislature recognizes that there are many persons



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11 in this state who, because of age or disability, are in need of
12 protective services. Such services should allow such an
13 individual the same rights as other citizens and, at the same
14 time, protect the individual from abuse, neglect, and
15 exploitation. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide for
16 the detection and correction of abuse, neglect, and exploitation
17 through social services and criminal investigations and to
18 establish a program of protective services for all vulnerable
19 adults in need of them. It is intended that the mandatory
20 reporting of such cases will cause the protective services of
21 the state to be brought to bear in an effort to prevent further
22 abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults. In taking
23 this action, the Legislature intends to place the fewest
24 possible restrictions on personal liberty and the exercise of
25 constitutional rights, consistent with due process and
26 protection from abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Further, the
27 Legislature intends to encourage the constructive involvement of
28 families in the care and protection of vulnerable adults or
29 elderly persons. It is the intent of the Legislature that each
30 protective investigator, as defined in s. 415.102, earn and
31 maintain a valid certification as a protective investigator
32 through a third party credentialing entity in accordance with s.
33 402.40(3).

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35 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

36 And the title is amended as follows:

37 Between lines 2 and 3

38 insert:

39 amending s. 415.101, F.S.; revising legislative



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intent;