

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to protection of elderly persons and
3 disabled adults; amending s. 16.56, F.S.; adding
4 offenses concerning elderly persons and disabled
5 adults to the authority of the Office of Statewide
6 Prosecution; amending s. 733.303, F.S.; providing that
7 a person who has been convicted of abuse, neglect, or
8 exploitation of an elderly person or a disabled adult
9 is not qualified to act as a personal representative;
10 creating s. 732.8031, F.S.; providing for forfeiture
11 of specified benefits of persons who have been
12 convicted of certain offenses involving elderly
13 persons or disabled adults; providing that certain
14 persons who have been convicted of certain offenses
15 involving elderly persons or disabled adults may still
16 retain an inheritance, survivorship rights, other
17 rights, or a trust interest if the victim executes a
18 specified instrument; amending s. 736.1104, F.S.;
19 providing that a beneficiary of a trust may not
20 benefit under the trust if the person was convicted of
21 certain offenses involving elderly persons or disabled
22 adults; amending s. 825.101, F.S.; defining terms;
23 amending s. 825.102, F.S.; specifying additional
24 conduct that constitutes abuse of an elderly person or
25 a disabled adult; providing a defense to certain

26 | violations; providing criminal penalties; amending s.
 27 | 825.103, F.S.; specifying additional conduct that
 28 | constitutes exploitation of an elderly person or a
 29 | disabled adult; providing criminal penalties; amending
 30 | s. 825.1035, F.S.; revising provisions concerning
 31 | injunctions for protection against exploitation of a
 32 | vulnerable adult; providing for extension of ex parte
 33 | temporary injunctions; providing an effective date.
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35 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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37 | Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 38 | 16.56, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 | 16.56 Office of Statewide Prosecution.—

40 | (1) There is created in the Department of Legal Affairs an
 41 | Office of Statewide Prosecution. The office shall be a separate
 42 | "budget entity" as that term is defined in chapter 216. The
 43 | office may:

44 | (a) Investigate and prosecute the offenses of:

45 | 1. Bribery, burglary, criminal usury, extortion, gambling,
 46 | kidnapping, larceny, murder, prostitution, perjury, robbery,
 47 | carjacking, home-invasion robbery, and patient brokering;

48 | 2. Any crime involving narcotic or other dangerous drugs;

49 | 3. Any violation of the Florida RICO (Racketeer Influenced
 50 | and Corrupt Organization) Act, including any offense listed in

51 | the definition of racketeering activity in s. 895.02(8)(a),
 52 | providing such listed offense is investigated in connection with
 53 | a violation of s. 895.03 and is charged in a separate count of
 54 | an information or indictment containing a count charging a
 55 | violation of s. 895.03, the prosecution of which listed offense
 56 | may continue independently if the prosecution of the violation
 57 | of s. 895.03 is terminated for any reason;

58 | 4. Any violation of the Florida Anti-Fencing Act;

59 | 5. Any violation of the Florida Antitrust Act of 1980, as
 60 | amended;

61 | 6. Any crime involving, or resulting in, fraud or deceit
 62 | upon any person;

63 | 7. Any violation of s. 847.0135, relating to computer
 64 | pornography and child exploitation prevention, or any offense
 65 | related to a violation of s. 847.0135 or any violation of
 66 | chapter 827 where the crime is facilitated by or connected to
 67 | the use of the Internet or any device capable of electronic data
 68 | storage or transmission;

69 | 8. Any violation of chapter 815;

70 | 9. Any violation of chapter 825;

71 | ~~10.9.~~ Any criminal violation of part I of chapter 499;

72 | ~~11.10.~~ Any violation of the Florida Motor Fuel Tax Relief
 73 | Act of 2004;

74 | ~~12.11.~~ Any criminal violation of s. 409.920 or s.
 75 | 409.9201;

76 | ~~13.12.~~ Any crime involving voter registration, voting, or
77 | candidate or issue petition activities;

78 | ~~14.13.~~ Any criminal violation of the Florida Money
79 | Laundering Act;

80 | ~~15.14.~~ Any criminal violation of the Florida Securities
81 | and Investor Protection Act; or

82 | ~~16.15.~~ Any violation of chapter 787, as well as any and
83 | all offenses related to a violation of chapter 787;

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85 | or any attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit any of the
86 | crimes specifically enumerated above. The office shall have such
87 | power only when any such offense is occurring, or has occurred,
88 | in two or more judicial circuits as part of a related
89 | transaction, or when any such offense is connected with an
90 | organized criminal conspiracy affecting two or more judicial
91 | circuits. Informations or indictments charging such offenses
92 | shall contain general allegations stating the judicial circuits
93 | and counties in which crimes are alleged to have occurred or the
94 | judicial circuits and counties in which crimes affecting such
95 | circuits or counties are alleged to have been connected with an
96 | organized criminal conspiracy.

97 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 733.303, Florida
98 | Statutes, is amended to read:

99 | 733.303 Persons not qualified.—

100 | (1) A person is not qualified to act as a personal

101 representative if the person:

102 (a) Has been convicted of a felony.

103 (b) Has been convicted in any state or foreign
 104 jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an elderly
 105 person or a disabled adult, as those terms are defined in s.
 106 825.101.

107 (c)~~(b)~~ Is mentally or physically unable to perform the
 108 duties.

109 (d)~~(e)~~ Is under the age of 18 years.

110 Section 3. Section 732.8031, Florida Statutes, is created
 111 to read:

112 732.8031 Forfeiture for abuse, neglect, exploitation, or
 113 aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled
 114 adult.-

115 (1) A surviving person who is convicted in any state or
 116 foreign jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or
 117 aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled
 118 adult, as those terms are defined in s. 825.101, for conduct
 119 against the decedent or another person on whose death such
 120 beneficiary's interest depends is not entitled to any benefits
 121 under the will of the decedent or the Florida Probate Code, and
 122 the estate of the decedent passes as if the abuser, neglector,
 123 exploiter, or killer had predeceased the decedent. Property
 124 appointed by the will of the decedent to or for the benefit of
 125 the abuser, neglector, exploiter, or killer passes as if the

126 abuser, neglector, exploiter, or killer had predeceased the
127 decedent.

128 (a) A final judgment of conviction for abuse, neglect,
129 exploitation, or aggravated manslaughter of the decedent or
130 other person creates a rebuttable presumption that this section
131 applies.

132 (b) In the absence of a qualifying conviction, the court
133 may determine by the greater weight of the evidence whether the
134 decedent's or other person's death was caused by or contributed
135 to by the abuser's, neglector's, exploiter's, or killer's
136 conduct as defined in s. 825.102, s. 825.103, or s. 782.07(2)
137 for purposes of this section.

138 (2) A joint tenant who is convicted in any state or
139 foreign jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or
140 aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled
141 adult, as those terms are defined in s. 825.101, for conduct
142 against another joint tenant decedent thereby effects a
143 severance of the interest of the decedent so that the share of
144 the decedent passes as the decedent's sole property and as if
145 the abuser, neglector, exploiter, or killer has no rights by
146 survivorship. This subsection applies to joint tenancies with
147 right of survivorship and tenancies by the entirety in real and
148 personal property; joint and multiple-party accounts in banks,
149 savings and loan associations, credit unions, and other
150 financial institutions; and any other form of coownership with

151 survivorship interests.

152 (a) A final judgment of conviction for abuse, neglect,
153 exploitation, or aggravated manslaughter of the decedent or
154 other person creates a rebuttable presumption that this section
155 applies.

156 (b) In the absence of a qualifying conviction, the court
157 may determine by the greater weight of the evidence whether the
158 decedent's or other person's death was caused by or contributed
159 to by the abuser's, neglector's, exploiter's, or killer's
160 conduct as defined in s. 825.102, s. 825.103, or s. 782.07(2)
161 for purposes of this section.

162 (3) A named beneficiary of a bond, life insurance policy,
163 or other contractual arrangement who is convicted in any state
164 or foreign jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or
165 aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled
166 adult, as those terms are defined in s. 825.101, for conduct
167 against the owner or principal obligee of the bond, life
168 insurance policy, or other contractual arrangement or the person
169 upon whose life such policy was issued is not entitled to any
170 benefit under the bond, policy, or other contractual
171 arrangement, and the bond, policy, or other contractual
172 arrangement becomes payable as though the abuser, neglector,
173 exploiter, or killer had predeceased the decedent.

174 (a) A final judgment of conviction for abuse, neglect,
175 exploitation, or aggravated manslaughter of the decedent or

176 other person creates a rebuttable presumption that this section
177 applies.

178 (b) In the absence of a qualifying conviction, the court
179 may determine by the greater weight of the evidence whether the
180 decedent's or other person's death was caused by or contributed
181 to by the abuser's, neglector's, exploiter's, or killer's
182 conduct as defined in s. 825.102, s. 825.103, or s. 782.07(2)
183 for purposes of this section.

184 (4) Any other acquisition of property or interest by the
185 abuser, neglector, exploiter, or killer, including a life estate
186 in homestead property, shall be treated in accordance with this
187 section.

188 (5) (a) This section does not affect the rights of any
189 person who, before rights under this section have been
190 adjudicated, purchases from the abuser, neglector, exploiter, or
191 killer for value and without notice property that the abuser,
192 neglector, exploiter, or killer would have acquired except for
193 this section.

194 (b) The abuser, neglector, exploiter, or killer is liable
195 for the amount of the proceeds or the value of the property
196 under paragraph (a).

197 (6) Any insurance company, bank, or other obligor making
198 payment according to the terms of its policy or obligation is
199 not liable by reason of this section unless before payment it
200 receives at its home office or principal address written notice

201 of a claim under this section.

202 (7) This section does not apply if it can be proven by
203 clear and convincing evidence that, after the conviction of
204 abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the victim of the offense, if
205 capacitated, ratifies an intent that the person so convicted of
206 abuse, neglect, or exploitation retain his or her inheritance,
207 survivorship rights, or any other right that might otherwise be
208 removed by this section by executing a valid written instrument,
209 sworn to and witnessed by two persons who would be competent as
210 witnesses to a will, which expresses a specific intent to allow
211 the convicted person to retain his or her inheritance,
212 survivorship rights, or any other right that might otherwise be
213 removed by this section.

214 Section 4. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section
215 736.1104, Florida Statutes, to read:

216 736.1104 Person ~~Killer~~ not entitled to receive property or
217 other benefits by reason of victim's death.—

218 (3) A beneficiary of a trust who was convicted in any
219 state or foreign jurisdiction of abuse, neglect, exploitation,
220 or aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or a disabled
221 adult, as those terms are defined in s. 825.101, for conduct
222 against a settlor or another person on whose death such
223 beneficiary's interest depends is not entitled to any trust
224 interest, including a homestead dependent on the victim's death,
225 and such interest shall devolve as though the abuser, neglecter,

226 exploiter, or killer had predeceased the victim.

227 (a) A final judgment of conviction for abuse, neglect,
228 exploitation, or aggravated manslaughter of the decedent or
229 other person creates a rebuttable presumption that this section
230 applies.

231 (b) In the absence of a qualifying conviction, the court
232 may determine by the greater weight of the evidence whether the
233 decedent's or other person's death was caused by or contributed
234 to by the abuser's, neglector's, exploiter's, or killer's
235 conduct as defined in s. 825.102, s. 825.103, or s. 782.07(2)
236 for purposes of this section.

237 (4) This section does not apply if it can be proven by
238 clear and convincing evidence that, after the conviction of
239 abuse, neglect, or exploitation, the victim of the offense, if
240 capacitated, ratifies an intent that the person so convicted of
241 abuse, neglect, or exploitation retain a trust interest by
242 executing a valid written instrument, sworn to and witnessed by
243 two persons who would be competent as witnesses to a will, which
244 expresses a specific intent to allow the convicted person to
245 retain a trust interest.

246 Section 5. Subsections (8) through (14) of section
247 825.101, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (10)
248 through (16), respectively, and new subsections (8) and (9) are
249 added to that section, to read:

250 825.101 Definitions.—As used in this chapter:

251 (8) "Improper benefit" means any remuneration or payment,
 252 by or on behalf of any service provider or merchant of goods, to
 253 any person as an incentive or inducement to refer customers or
 254 patrons for past or future services or goods.

255 (9) "Kickback" has the same meaning as in s. 456.054(1).

256 Section 6. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of
 257 section 825.102, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
 258 (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

259 825.102 Abuse, aggravated abuse, and neglect of an elderly
 260 person or disabled adult; penalties.—

261 (1) "Abuse of an elderly person or disabled adult" means:

262 (b) An intentional act that could reasonably be expected
 263 to result in physical or psychological injury to an elderly
 264 person or disabled adult; ~~or~~

265 (c) Active encouragement of any person to commit an act
 266 that results or could reasonably be expected to result in
 267 physical or psychological injury to an elderly person or
 268 disabled adult; or

269 (d) Intentionally, and without lawful authority, isolating
 270 or restricting access of an elderly person or a disabled adult
 271 to family members for any length of time which could reasonably
 272 be expected to result in physical or psychological injury to the
 273 elderly person or disabled adult, or with the intent to promote,
 274 facilitate, conceal, or disguise some form of criminal activity
 275 involving the person or property of the elderly person or

276 disabled adult. It is a defense to a violation of this paragraph
 277 that the defendant had reasonable cause to believe that his or
 278 her action was necessary to protect the elderly person or
 279 disabled adult from danger to his or her welfare.

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 281 A person who knowingly or willfully abuses an elderly person or
 282 disabled adult without causing great bodily harm, permanent
 283 disability, or permanent disfigurement to the elderly person or
 284 disabled adult commits a felony of the third degree, punishable
 285 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

286 Section 7. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of subsection (1)
 287 of section 825.103, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
 288 (f) is added to that subsection, to read:

289 825.103 Exploitation of an elderly person or disabled
 290 adult; penalties.—

291 (1) "Exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult"
 292 means:

293 (c) Breach of a fiduciary duty to an elderly person or
 294 disabled adult by the person's guardian, trustee who is an
 295 individual, or agent under a power of attorney which results in
 296 an unauthorized appropriation, sale, ~~or~~ transfer of property,
 297 kickback, or receipt of an improper benefit. An unauthorized
 298 appropriation under this paragraph occurs when the elderly
 299 person or disabled adult does not receive the reasonably
 300 equivalent financial value in goods or services, or when the

301 fiduciary violates any of these duties:

302 1. For agents appointed under chapter 709:

303 a. Committing fraud in obtaining their appointments;

304 b. Obtaining appointments with the purpose and design of

305 benefiting someone other than the principal or beneficiary;

306 ~~c.b.~~ Abusing their powers;

307 ~~d.e.~~ Wasting, embezzling, or intentionally mismanaging the

308 assets of the principal or beneficiary; or

309 ~~e.d.~~ Acting contrary to the principal's sole benefit or

310 best interest; or

311 2. For guardians and trustees who are individuals and who

312 are appointed under chapter 736 or chapter 744:

313 a. Committing fraud in obtaining their appointments;

314 b. Obtaining appointments with the purpose and design of

315 benefiting someone other than the principal or beneficiary;

316 ~~c.b.~~ Abusing their powers; or

317 ~~d.e.~~ Wasting, embezzling, or intentionally mismanaging the

318 assets of the ward or beneficiary of the trust;

319 (d) Misappropriating, misusing, or transferring without

320 authorization money belonging to an elderly person or disabled

321 adult from an account in which the elderly person or disabled

322 adult placed the funds, owned the funds, and was the sole

323 contributor or payee of the funds before the misappropriation,

324 misuse, or unauthorized transfer. This paragraph only applies to

325 the following types of accounts:

- 326 1. Personal accounts;
- 327 2. Joint accounts created with the intent that only the
- 328 elderly person or disabled adult enjoys all rights, interests,
- 329 and claims to moneys deposited into such account; or
- 330 3. Convenience accounts created in accordance with s.
- 331 655.80; ~~or~~

332 (e) Intentionally or negligently failing to effectively

333 use an elderly person's or disabled adult's income and assets

334 for the necessities required for that person's support and

335 maintenance, by a caregiver or a person who stands in a position

336 of trust and confidence with the elderly person or disabled

337 adult; or

338 (f) Knowingly obtaining or using, endeavoring to obtain or

339 use, or conspiring with another to obtain or use an elderly

340 person's or a disabled adult's funds, assets, property, or

341 estate through intentional modification, alteration, or

342 fraudulent creation of a plan of distribution or disbursement

343 expressed in a will, trust agreement, or other testamentary

344 devise of the elderly person or disabled adult without:

345 1. A court order, from a court having jurisdiction over

346 the elderly person or disabled adult, which authorizes the

347 modification or alteration;

348 2. A written instrument executed by the elderly person or

349 disabled adult, sworn to and witnessed by two persons who would

350 be competent as witnesses to a will, which authorizes the

351 modification or alteration; or

352 3. Action of an agent under a valid power of attorney
353 executed by the elderly person or disabled adult which
354 authorizes the modification or alteration.

355 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2), paragraph (a)
356 of subsection (3), and paragraph (d) of subsection (5) of
357 section 825.1035, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

358 825.1035 Injunction for protection against exploitation of
359 a vulnerable adult.—

360 (2) WHO MAY FILE; VENUE; RECORDING.—

361 (a) The cause of action may be sought in an adversary
362 proceeding by:

363 1. A vulnerable adult in imminent danger of being
364 exploited;

365 2. The guardian of a vulnerable adult in imminent danger
366 of being exploited;

367 3. A person or organization acting on behalf of the
368 vulnerable adult with the consent of the vulnerable adult or his
369 or her guardian; ~~or~~

370 4. An agent under a valid durable power of attorney with
371 the authority specifically granted in the power of attorney; or

372 ~~5.4.~~ A person who simultaneously files a petition for
373 determination of incapacity and appointment of an emergency
374 temporary guardian with respect to the vulnerable adult.

375 (3) FORM OF PETITION.—

376 (a) A sworn petition filed under this section must allege
 377 the existence of exploitation, or the imminent exploitation, of
 378 the vulnerable adult and must include the specific facts and
 379 circumstances for which relief is sought. The sworn petition
 380 must be in substantially the following form:

381
 382 PETITION FOR INJUNCTION FOR PROTECTION
 383 AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT
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385 Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared
 386 Petitioner ...(Name)..., who has been sworn and says that the
 387 following statements are true:

- 388 1. The petitioner's name is: _____
- 389 2. The petitioner's address is: _____
- 390 3. The petitioner's relationship to the vulnerable adult
 391 is: _____
- 392 4. How long has the petitioner known the vulnerable adult:
 393 _____
- 394 5. The vulnerable adult's name is: _____
- 395 6. Aliases of the vulnerable adult are: _____
- 396 7. The vulnerable adult's date of birth is: _____
- 397 8.1. The vulnerable adult's address is ~~adult resides at:~~
 398 _____ ~~...(address)....~~
- 399 9. Does the vulnerable adult have one or more impairments
 400 that impact his or her ability to perform normal activities of

401 daily living or to provide for his or her own care or
 402 protection?
 403 Yes No
 404 If so, what are this person's impairments? (check all that
 405 apply)
 406 Long-term physical disability
 407 Sensory disability (e.g., hearing or vision impaired)
 408 Cognitive disability
 409 Mental or emotional disability
 410 Developmental disability
 411 Infirmary of aging
 412 Other (explain)
 413 ~~10.2.~~ The respondent's last known address is ~~respondent~~
 414 ~~resides at:~~ _____ ~~...(last known address)....~~
 415 ~~11.3.~~ The respondent's last known place of employment is:
 416 ~~...(name of business and address)....~~
 417 ~~12.4.~~ Physical description of the respondent:
 418 Race....
 419 Sex....
 420 Date of birth....
 421 Height....
 422 Weight....
 423 Eye color....
 424 Hair color....
 425 Distinguishing marks or scars....

426 13.5. Aliases of the respondent:

427 14.6. The respondent is associated with the vulnerable
428 adult as follows:

429 15.7. The following describes any other cause of action
430 currently pending between the petitioner and the respondent, any
431 proceeding under chapter 744 concerning the vulnerable adult,
432 and any previous or pending attempts by the petitioner to obtain
433 an injunction for protection against exploitation of the
434 vulnerable adult in this or any other circuit; related case
435 numbers, if available; and the results of any such
436 attempts:.....
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438 16.8. The following describes the petitioner's knowledge
439 of any reports made to a government agency, including, but not
440 limited to, the Department of Elderly Affairs, the Department of
441 Children and Families, and the adult protective services program
442 relating to the abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the
443 vulnerable adult; any investigations performed by a government
444 agency relating to abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the
445 vulnerable adult; and the results of any such reports or
446 investigations:

447 17.9. The petitioner knows the vulnerable adult is either
448 a victim of exploitation or the petitioner has reasonable cause
449 to believe the vulnerable adult is, or is in imminent danger of
450 becoming, a victim of exploitation because the respondent has:

451 ... (describe in the spaces below the incidents or threats of
 452 exploitation)....

453 ~~18.10.~~ The following describes the petitioner's knowledge
 454 of the vulnerable adult's dependence on the respondent for care;
 455 alternative provisions for the vulnerable adult's care in the
 456 absence of the respondent, if necessary; available resources the
 457 vulnerable adult has to access such alternative provisions; and
 458 the vulnerable adult's willingness to use such alternative
 459 provisions:

460 ~~19.11.~~ The petitioner knows the vulnerable adult maintains
 461 assets, accounts, or lines of credit at the following financial
 462 institution(s): ... (list name, address, and account number of
 463 each)....

464 ~~20.12.~~ The petitioner believes that the vulnerable adult's
 465 assets to be frozen are: ... (mark one)....

- 466Worth less than \$1500;
- 467Worth between \$1500 and \$5000; or
- 468Worth more than \$5000.

469 ~~21.13.~~ The petitioner genuinely fears imminent
 470 exploitation of the vulnerable adult by the respondent.

471 ~~22.14.~~ The petitioner seeks an injunction for the
 472 protection of the vulnerable adult, including: ... (mark
 473 appropriate section or sections)....

474Prohibiting the respondent from having any direct or
 475 indirect contact with the vulnerable adult.

476 Immediately restraining the respondent from committing
477 any acts of exploitation against the vulnerable adult.

478 Freezing the assets of the vulnerable adult held at
479 ... (name and address of depository or financial institution)...
480 even if titled jointly with the respondent, or in the
481 respondent's name only, in the court's discretion.

482 Freezing the credit lines of the vulnerable adult at
483 ... (name and address of financial institution)... even if
484 jointly with the respondent, in the court's discretion.

485 Providing any terms the court deems necessary for the
486 protection of the vulnerable adult or his or her assets,
487 including any injunctions or directives to law enforcement
488 agencies.

489 ~~23.15.~~ Should the court enter an injunction freezing
490 assets and credit lines, the petitioner believes that the
491 critical expenses of the vulnerable adult will be paid for or
492 provided by the following persons or entities, or the petitioner
493 requests that the following expenses be paid notwithstanding the
494 freeze: ... (for each expense, list the name of the payee,
495 address, account number if known, amount, and a brief
496 explanation of why payment is critical)....

497 (5) TEMPORARY INJUNCTION; SERVICE; HEARING.—

498 (d) An ex parte temporary injunction may be effective for
499 a fixed period not to exceed 15 days unless good cause is shown
500 to extend the injunction. The ex parte temporary injunction may

501 be extended one time for up to an additional 30 days. A full
502 hearing, as provided by this section, must be set for a date no
503 later than the date when the ex parte temporary injunction
504 ceases to be effective. ~~The court may grant a continuance of the~~
505 ~~hearing, before or during the hearing, for good cause shown by~~
506 ~~any party, which good cause may include a continuance to obtain~~
507 ~~service of process. An ex parte injunction is not extended~~
508 ~~beyond the initial 15 days as a result of a continuance.~~

509 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.