

## STATE OF WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU DRAFTING HISTORY RESEARCH APPENDIX

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#### 2017 DRAFTING REQUEST

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Pre Topic:

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Topic:

Duty to preserve the testimony of an elderly person

**Instructions:** 

Create a provision that requires the court to hold a hearing to take and preserve testimony from a victim that is over the age of 62. Model this after Tennessee proposed stat. 39-15-504 from HB 810.

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(f) In addition to other remedies provided by law, an elderly or vulnerable adult in that person's own right, or by conservator or next friend, has a right of recovery in a civil action for financial exploitation or for theft of the person's money or property whether by fraud, deceit, coercion, or otherwise. The right of action against a wrongdoer shall not abate or be extinguished by the death of the elderly or vulnerable adult, but passes as provided in § 20-5-106, unless the alleged wrongdoer is a relative, in which case the cause of action passes to the victim's personal representative.

#### 39-15-503.

For purposes of determining whether an offense was committed under § 39-15-502:

- (1) Any transfer of property valued in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in a twelve-month period, whether in a single transaction or multiple transactions, by an elderly or vulnerable adult to a non-relative whom the transferor has known for fewer than two (2) years before the first transfer and for which the transferor did not receive reciprocal value in goods or services creates a permissive inference that the transfer was effectuated without the effective consent of the owner.
- (2) Subdivision (1) applies regardless of whether the transfer or transfers are denoted by the parties as a gift or loan except that it shall not apply to a valid loan evidenced in writing and which includes definite repayment dates. In the event repayment of any such loan is in default, in whole or in part, for more than sixty (60) days, the inference described in subdivision (1) applies. Subdivision (1) does not apply to persons or entities that operate a legitimate financial institution.
- (3) This section does not apply to valid charitable donations to nonprofit organizations qualifying for tax exempt status under the internal revenue code.
- (4) A court shall instruct jurors that they may, but are not required to, infer that the transfer of money or property was effectuated without the effective consent of the owner, with the intent to deprive the owner of the money or property, upon proof beyond a reasonable doubt of the facts listed in subdivision (1). The court shall also instruct jurors that they may find a defendant guilty only if persuaded that each element of the offense has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

#### 39-15-504.

In cases where an alleged offense under this part or under title 71, chapter 6, part 1 has been committed against an elderly or vulnerable adult, upon the state's motion, the court shall conduct a hearing to preserve the testimony of the victim within sixty (60) days of the defendant's initial court appearance whether the case originates in general sessions court or criminal court.

#### 39-15-505.

- (a) An elderly or vulnerable adult victim's inability to attend judicial proceedings due to illness, or other mental or physical disability, shall be considered exceptional circumstances upon the state's motion to preserve testimony pursuant to Rule 15 of the Tennessee Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- (b) The court shall consider an affidavit executed by the elderly or vulnerable adult's treating physician stating that the elderly or vulnerable adult is unable to attend court due to illness or other mental or physical disability as prima facie evidence of the need to preserve witness testimony by the taking of the adult's out-of-court deposition.
- (c) The court shall order the defendant's attendance to the out-of-court deposition. The defendant may waive the defendant's attendance in writing.

#### 39-15-506.

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