

to chapter 112 (§10601 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to editorial reclassification as chapter 201 (§20101 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1984 Act note set out under section 10101 of this title and Tables.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ROBERT MATAVA ELDER ABUSE PROSECUTION ACT OF 2017

**§ 21741. Training and technical assistance for States**

The Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and in coordination with the Elder Justice Coordinating Council (established under section 1397k of title 42), shall create, compile, evaluate, and disseminate materials and information, and provide the necessary training and technical assistance, to assist States and units of local government in—

(1) investigating, prosecuting, pursuing, preventing, understanding, and mitigating the impact of—

- (A) physical, sexual, and psychological abuse of elders;
- (B) exploitation of elders, including financial abuse and scams targeting elders; and
- (C) neglect of elders; and

(2) assessing, addressing, and mitigating the physical and psychological trauma to victims of elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title IV, §403, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1214.)

**§ 21742. Interstate initiatives**

**(a) Interstate agreements and compacts**

The consent of Congress is given to any two or more States (acting through State agencies with jurisdiction over adult protective services) to enter into agreements or compacts for cooperative effort and mutual assistance—

- (1) in promoting the safety and well-being of elders; and
- (2) in enforcing their respective laws and policies to promote such safety and well-being.

**(b) Recommendations on interstate communication**

The Executive Director of the State Justice Institute, in consultation with State or local adult protective services, aging, social, and human services and law enforcement agencies, nationally recognized nonprofit associations with expertise in data sharing among criminal justice agencies and familiarity with the issues raised in elder abuse cases, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit to Congress legislative proposals relating to the facilitation of interstate agreements and compacts.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title IV, §404, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1215.)

SUBCHAPTER V—MISCELLANEOUS

**§ 21751. Model power of attorney legislation**

The Attorney General shall publish model power of attorney legislation for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title V, §504, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1217.)

**§ 21752. Best practices and model legislation for guardianship proceedings**

The Attorney General shall publish best practices for improving guardianship proceedings and model legislation relating to guardianship proceedings for the purpose of preventing elder abuse.

(Pub. L. 115–70, title V, §505, Oct. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 1217.)

**CHAPTER 219—ASHANTI ALERT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

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**§ 21901. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) AMBER Alert communications network**

The term “AMBER Alert communications network” means the AMBER Alert communications network established under subtitle A of title III of the PROTECT Act (34 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).

**(2) Ashanti Alert**

The term “Ashanti Alert” means an alert issued through the Ashanti Alert communications network, related to a missing adult.

**(3) Ashanti Alert communications network**

The term “Ashanti Alert communications network” means the national communications network established by the Attorney General under section 21902(a) of this title.

**(4) Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice; Coordinator**

The term “Ashanti Alert Coordinator of the Department of Justice” or “Coordinator” means the employee designated by the Attorney General to act as the national coordinator of the Ashanti Alert communications network under section 21903(a) of this title.

**(5) Ashanti Alert plan**

The term “Ashanti Alert plan” means a local element of the Ashanti Alert communications network.

**(6) Indian Tribe**

The term “Indian Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian Tribe or a Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation (as those terms are defined in section 1602 of title 43).

**(7) Missing adult**

The term “missing adult” means an individual who—

- (A) is older than the age for which an alert may be issued through the AMBER Alert