

## **Article 02. VULNERABLE ADULTS**

### **Sec. 11.51.200. Endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the first degree.**

- (a) A person commits the crime of endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the first degree if the person
  - (1) intentionally abandons the vulnerable adult in any place under circumstances creating a substantial risk of physical injury to the vulnerable adult and the vulnerable adult is in the person's care
    - (A) by contract or authority of law; or
    - (B) in a facility or program that is required by law to be licensed by the state; or
  - (2) violates AS 11.51.210 and, as a result of the violation, the vulnerable adult suffers serious physical injury.
- (b) Endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the first degree is a class C felony.

### **Sec. 11.51.210. Endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the second degree.**

- (a) A person commits the crime of endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the second degree if the person fails without lawful excuse to provide support for the vulnerable adult and the vulnerable adult is in the person's care
  - (1) by contract or authority of law; or
  - (2) in a facility or program that is required by law to be licensed by the state.
- (b) As used in this section, "support" includes necessary food, care, clothing, shelter, and medical attention. There is no failure to provide medical attention to a vulnerable adult if the vulnerable adult is provided treatment solely by spiritual means through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination of which the vulnerable adult is a member or adherent, provided the vulnerable adult consents to the treatment through spiritual means only, and the treatment is administered by an accredited practitioner of the church or denomination.
- (c) Endangering the welfare of a vulnerable adult in the second degree is a class A misdemeanor.

### **Sec. 11.51.220. Definition of vulnerable adult.**

In [AS 11.51.200](#) - 11.51.210, "vulnerable adult" has the meaning given in [AS 47.24.900](#).