

1 \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

2 INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR OLDER PERSONS  
5 OR PERSONS WITH A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY WHO ARE ABUSED OR EXPLOITED."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Civil action.** (1) An older person or a person with a developmental disability  
10 who suffers harm or financial loss because of abuse or exploitation by another person has a civil cause of action  
11 against that person.

12 (2) If a plaintiff prevails in an action brought under this section, the court shall award the plaintiff costs  
13 and reasonable attorney fees.

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15 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
16 integral part of Title 52, chapter 3, part 8, and the provisions of Title 52, chapter 3, part 8, apply to [section 1].

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