

9555.7600 ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF A VULNERABLE ADULT WHO REFUSES SERVICES.

If a vulnerable adult who is the victim of abuse or neglect by a caretaker refuses an offer of services from a local social services agency and in the judgment of that agency the vulnerable adult's safety or welfare is in jeopardy, the agency shall seek the authority to intervene on behalf of that adult. If the agency believes it to be in the adult's best interest, it shall seek or help the family or victim seek any of the following:

A. a restraining order or a court order for removal of the perpetrator from the residence of the vulnerable adult pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 518B.01;

B. guardianship or conservatorship pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, sections 525.539 to 525.6198, or guardianship or conservatorship pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 252A;

C. a hold order or commitment pursuant to the Minnesota Hospitalization and Commitment Act, Minnesota Statutes, chapter 253A; or

D. a referral to the prosecuting attorney for possible criminal prosecution of the perpetrator under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 256E.05; 626.557*

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