

TITLE 6: CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
DIVISION 1: CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

§ 1453. Senior Citizen Physical Abuse and/or Mental Cruelty.

(a) A person commits the offense of “man-amko” physical abuse if he or she willfully, knowingly, and intentionally endangers, hurts, ill-treats, mistreats, mishandles, victimizes, strikes, beats or in any manner inflicts physical pain, injury, or mental distress or undue anguish upon any member of the “man-amko.”

(b) A person commits the offense of “man-amko” mental cruelty when he or she knowingly endangers, dishonors, hurts, mistreats, mishandles, victimizes the mental health of such member of the “man-amko” to such an extent as to render the conduct intolerable, or he or she had a duty to and failed to provide the person with adequate food, clothing, or shelter and that such failure was the proximate cause which endangered, harmed, or threatened the mental health of a member of the “man-amko” while the “man-amko” is under his or her care or custody.

(c) “Man-amko” physical abuse and/or mental cruelty shall not include the exercise of sound and reasonable decision, discretion, or judgment in providing or rendering care, assistance, or services to a member of the “man-amko,” and such caring, assistance, or services are consistent with the prevailing community and cultural standards.

(d) A person convicted of “man-amko” mental cruelty or physical abuse is guilty of a crime and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned for not more than one year, or fined of not more than \$1,000, or both.

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