

44-761. Same; definitions. As used in this act, unless the context clearly shows otherwise:

(a) "Abuse" means:

- (1) Causing or attempting to cause physical harm;
- (2) placing another person in fear of imminent physical harm;
- (3) causing another person to engage involuntarily in sexual relations by force, threats or duress, or threatening to do so;

- (4) engaging in mental abuse, which includes threats, intimidation and acts designed to induce terror;
- (5) depriving another person of health care, housing, food or other necessities of life; or

(6) restraining the liberty of another.

(b) "Domestic violence" means abuse committed against an employee or an employee's spouse or dependent child by:

- (1) A current or former spouse of the employee;
- (2) a person with whom the employee shares parentage of a child in common;
- (3) a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the employee;
- (4) a person who is related by blood or marriage; or
- (5) a person with whom the employee has or had a dating or engagement relationship.

History: L. 2003, ch. 75, § 2; July 1.