

CHAPTER 31**(HB 263)**

AN ACT relating to criminal abuse.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 508.100 is amended to read as follows:

(1) A person is guilty of criminal abuse in the first degree when he intentionally abuses another person or permits another person of whom he has actual custody to be abused and thereby:

- (a) Causes serious physical injury; or
- (b) Places him in a situation that may cause him serious physical injury; or
- (c) Causes torture, cruel confinement or cruel punishment;

to a person twelve (12) years of age or less, or who is physically helpless or mentally helpless.

(2) Criminal abuse in the first degree is a Class C felony *unless the victim is under twelve (12) years old in which case it is a Class B felony*.

➔Section 2. This Act may be cited as Kami's Law.

Signed by Governor March 25, 2022.