

1 AN ACT relating to criminal abuse.

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

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

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

7 (a) Causes serious physical injury; or

8 (b) Places him in a situation that may cause him serious physical injury; or

9 (c) Causes torture, cruel confinement or cruel punishment;
10 to a person twelve (12) years of age or less, or who is physically helpless or
11 mentally helpless.

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