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5 * Section 1. AS 47.24.020(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Upon receiving a report of harm, the department shall promptly initiate an
7 investigation to determine the economic or physical condition of the elderly person named in the
8 report and whether action or services are needed for the protection of the elderly person. The
9 department or its designee shall personally interview the elderly person during the investigation
10 unless the elderly person is unconscious or otherwise physically or mentally impaired to such an
11 extent as to be unable to respond to questions.

12 * Sec. 2. AS 47.24.020(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) The department shall immediately terminate an investigation under this section upon
14 the request of an elderly person who is the subject of a report of harm, except that the
15 department may not terminate an investigation at any time until after the department or
16 its designee has conducted a face-to-face interview with the elderly person who is the subject
17 of the report of harm. However, if the department has reasonable cause to believe that the
18 elderly person is incapacitated, the department may petition the superior court under AS 13.26
19 for appointment of a guardian or temporary guardian for the elderly person for the purpose of
20 obtaining consent to continue the investigation.