ABSTRACT: Finding justification in social reality, the new Romanian Criminal Code criminalises the patrimonial exploitation of a vulnerable person in art. 247.
Two variants of the offence are brought under regulation: a basic and an aggravated one. The Lawmaker provides the specific conditions for the existence of each of the variants of the offence. If the basic form of the offence requires that the passive subject should be in a visibly vulnerable situation before the offence takes place, in the case of the aggravated variant, the state of vulnerability does not exist before the offence, but is caused by the active subject.

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