

1 HB427
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3 By Representative Hall
4 RFD: Public Safety and Homeland Security
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 Relating to missing persons; to amend Sections
9 26-19A-2 and 26-19A-4, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide for a
10 missing senior citizen alert to be issued for persons
11 suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia, regardless of
12 age, and to provide guidelines for the issuance of the alert;
13 and to require specialized training for law enforcement
14 personnel who participate in searching for missing persons
15 with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Sections 26-19A-2 and 26-19A-4, Code of
18 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

19 "§26-19A-2.

20 The Missing Senior Citizen Alert Act is enacted for
21 the following purposes:

22 (1) To provide a rapid response to missing or lost
23 senior citizens at risk of bodily harm or death or persons
24 suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

25 (2) To gain the voluntary assistance of the
26 broadcast media to help locate missing senior citizens.

27 "§26-19A-4.

1 "a A missing senior citizen alert shall be
2 activated by the department when a ~~senior~~ citizen is reported
3 missing and an investigation reveals the following:

4 "(1) The ~~senior~~ citizen is at risk of bodily harm or
5 death, or suffers from Alzheimer's disease or dementia. An
6 alert may be issued for a person suffering from Alzheimer's
7 disease or dementia regardless of age.

8 "(2) There is enough descriptive information about
9 the senior or person suffering from Alzheimer's disease or
10 dementia to believe an immediate media alert would help
11 investigators locate the person. For persons suffering from
12 Alzheimer's disease or dementia, a statement from a caregiver
13 that the missing person suffers from either disease shall be
14 considered sufficient proof of the disease.

15 "b A report of a missing senior citizen or missing
16 person suffering from Alzheimer's disease or dementia may be
17 made to the department as soon as a concerned party or
18 caregiver believes the person to be missing. Upon the
19 submission of the report, a search in the missing person's
20 local area may begin immediately, and the department may
21 expand the search to include areas outside of the missing
22 person's local area if needed.

23 "c The department and local law enforcement
24 agencies shall require law enforcement officers, ~~911~~
25 operators, and other emergency personnel to complete ~~training~~
26 for techniques in searching for a missing person with
27 Alzheimer's disease or dementia first responder training for

1 missing persons with Alzheimer's Disease or other forms of
2 dementia, if such training is available through the
3 department, the Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training
4 Commission, or the free training and certification program
5 offered by the Alzheimer's Association. If a missing person
6 report is made for a person suffering from Alzheimer's disease
7 or dementia, the department and local law enforcement agencies
8 shall utilize available personnel who have participated in
9 this training to assist in conducting the search."

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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