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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO A SILVER ALERT PROGRAM FOR MISSING SENIOR CITIZENS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§28- Statewide silver alert program; development and
5 implementation. (a) The attorney general, with the cooperation
6 of the county police departments, the civil defense division of
7 the state department of defense, local broadcasters, and other
8 appropriate state and county agencies, shall develop and
9 implement a voluntary statewide silver alert program and
10 partnership to be activated on behalf of missing senior
11 citizens.

12 (b) To the greatest extent possible, the silver alert
13 program shall be integrated with the existing MAILE AMBER (Minor
14 Abducted in Life-threatening Emergency/America's Broadcast
15 Emergency Response) alert program and partnership under the
16 direction of the office of the attorney general.

17 (c) A silver alert shall be activated if the following
18 criteria are met:



- 1 (1) A county police department receives notice of a
2 missing senior citizen from the family or legal
3 guardian of the missing senior citizen;
- 4 (2) The current location of the senior citizen is unknown;
- 5 (3) The senior citizen has an impaired mental condition
6 that can be documented by the family, legal guardian,
7 or physician of the missing senior citizen; and
- 8 (4) Sufficient information is provided to authorities that
9 indicate that the senior citizen's disappearance poses
10 a credible threat to the health and safety of the
11 senior citizen.
- 12 (d) The silver alert shall include the following:
- 13 (1) Any appropriate information provided by the police
14 department of the county in which the senior citizen
15 is domiciled;
- 16 (2) Information, including photographs, last known
17 sighting, clothes worn, and any other information that
18 may lead to the safe rescue of the missing senior
19 citizen; and
- 20 (3) A statement, including telephone and any other contact
21 information, instructing any person having any



1 knowledge related to the missing senior citizen to
2 contact a local law enforcement agency.

3 (e) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise,
4 "Local law enforcement agency" means a law enforcement
5 agency having jurisdiction over the investigation of a missing
6 senior citizen.

7 "Senior citizen" means a person who is sixty-five years of
8 age or older and is domiciled within the State."

9 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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Report Title:

Notification; Silver Alert Program

Description:

Creates a voluntary statewide silver alert program and partnership to be operated concurrently with the voluntary Maile AMBER ALERT program and partnership.

