

**Subject** Establishing a Silver Alert system to aid in locating missing persons who are senior citizens

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### Overview

This bill establishes a Silver Alert system, similar to the America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alert system, to provide notifications that can aid in the identification, location, and recovery of missing senior citizens with cognitive impairments.

## Summary

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1	<b>Silver Alert system.</b>
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**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Directs the commissioner of public safety to develop a Silver Alert system to aid in the identification, location, and recovery of missing persons who are senior citizens with certain cognitive impairments.

**Subd. 2. Criteria and procedures.** Directs the commissioner of public safety to work with others, including the commissioner of health, commissioner of human services, commissioner of transportation, the AMBER Alert coordinator, law enforcement associations, the Alzheimer's Association, the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance, and groups that work with the elderly, to develop criteria and procedures for the Silver Alert system. Requires the commissioner of public safety to adopt criteria by October 1.

**Subd. 3. Oversight.** Requires the commissioner of public safety to regularly review the system and revise its criteria to provide for efficient and effective public notification.

**Subd. 4. Scope.** Establishes that the Silver Alert system shall include all state and local agencies capable of providing timely information to the public together with broadcasters and other private entities that volunteer to participate.

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**Subd. 5. Additional notice.** Authorizes the commissioner of public safety to notify authorities outside the state upon verification that the criteria under the section have been met.

**Subd. 6. False reports.** Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for knowingly making a false report that triggers a Silver Alert.



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