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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Judiciary and Public Safety

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to public safety; creating a Silver Alert system to aid in locating missing

1.3persons who are senior citizens with cognitive impairments; providing for penalties;

1.4proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. [626.97] SILVER ALERT SYSTEM.

1.7Subdivision 1. Establishment. The commissioner of public safety shall establish a Silver

1.8Alert system to aid in the identification, location, and recovery of missing persons who are

1.9senior citizens with dementia, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, or other cognitive

1.10impairments. The commissioner shall coordinate with local law enforcement agencies and

1.11public and commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an effective alert system.

1.12Subd. 2. Criteria and procedures. The commissioner, in consultation with the

1.13commissioner of health, the commissioner of human services, the commissioner of

1.14transportation, the superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the AMBER

1.15Alert coordinator, the executive director of the Board on Aging, and representatives of the

1.16following groups: Elder Care Alliance, the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, the

1.17Minnesota Sheriffs' Association, the Minnesota Broadcasters Association, the Alzheimer's

1.18Association, and the Minnesota Brain Injury Alliance, shall develop criteria and procedures

1.19for the Silver Alert system. By October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall adopt criteria and

1.20procedures for the Silver Alert system.

1.21Subd. 3. Oversight. The commissioner shall regularly review the function of the Silver

1.22Alert system and revise its criteria and procedures to provide for efficient and effective

1.23public notification.

2.1        Subd. 4. **Scope.** The Silver Alert system shall include all state and local agencies capable  
2.2        of providing urgent and timely information to the public, together with broadcasters and  
2.3        other private entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination of urgent public  
2.4        information.

2.5        Subd. 5. **Additional notice.** The commissioner may notify authorities and entities outside  
2.6        of the state upon verification that the criteria established under this section have been met.

2.7        Subd. 6. **False reports.** A person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers an  
2.8        alert under this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.