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# HOUSE BILL NO. 1521

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 210.1012 and 210.1014, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the amber and silver alert system, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 210.1012 and 210.1014, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 210.1012 and 210.1014, to read as follows:

210.1012. 1. There is hereby created a statewide program called the "Amber Alert **and**  
2 **Silver Alert System**" referred to in this section as the "system" to aid in the identification and  
3 location of an abducted child **or missing endangered adult**.

4 2. For the purposes of this section, **the following terms shall mean:**

5 (1) "Abducted child" [means] , a child whose whereabouts are unknown and who is:

6 [(1)] (a) Less than eighteen years of age and reasonably believed to be the victim of the  
7 crime of kidnapping as defined by section 565.110, RSMo, as determined by local law  
8 enforcement;

9 [(2)] (b) Reasonably believed to be the victim of the crime of child kidnapping as  
10 defined by section 565.115, RSMo, as determined by local law enforcement; or

11 [(3)] (c) Less than eighteen years of age and at least fourteen years of age and who, if  
12 under the age of fourteen, would otherwise be reasonably believed to be a victim of child  
13 kidnapping as defined by section 565.115, RSMo, as determined by local law enforcement;

14 (2) "Endangered adult", an individual who is:

15 (a) **At least eighteen years of age;**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 (b) Incapable by reason of mental illness, mental retardation, dementia, habitual  
17 drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, or other physical or mental incapacity of managing  
18 or directing the management of the individual's property or providing or directing the  
19 provision of self-care per court order; and

20 (c) Harmed or threatened with harm as a result of:

21 a. Neglect;

22 b. Battery; or

23 c. Exploitation of the individual's personal services or property;

24 (3) "Missing endangered adult", a person whose whereabouts are not known, who  
25 has been assigned a guardian through the courts, and who may be at risk of injury or  
26 death, including all of the following persons:

27 (a) A person who is missing as the result of abduction by a stranger;

28 (b) A person whose disappearance may be the result of the commission of a crime;

29 (c) A person whose disappearance occurred under circumstances that are  
30 inherently dangerous;

31 (d) A person who is missing for more than thirty days;

32 (e) A missing person who is in need of medical attention or prescription medication;

33 (f) A missing person who may be at risk due to abduction by a noncustodial parent;

34 (g) A missing person who is mentally impaired;

35 (h) A missing person who is less than twenty-one years of age;

36 (i) A missing person who has previously been the victim of a threat of violence or  
37 an act of violence;

38 (j) A missing person who has been determined by a law enforcement agency to be:

39 a. At risk of injury or death; or

40 b. A person that meets any of the descriptions in paragraphs (a) to (j) of this  
41 subsection;

42 (k) A missing person who is an endangered adult.

43 3. The department of public safety shall develop regions to provide the system. The  
44 department of public safety shall coordinate local law enforcement agencies and public  
45 commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an effective system. In the event that  
46 a local law enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and an abduction **or report of a**  
47 **missing endangered adult** occurs within the jurisdiction, it shall notify the department of public  
48 safety who will notify local media in the region.

49 4. The Amber alert **and Silver alert** system shall include all state agencies capable of  
50 providing urgent and timely information to the public together with broadcasters and other  
51 private entities that volunteer to participate in the dissemination of urgent public information.

52 At a minimum, the Amber alert **and Silver alert** system shall include the department of public  
53 safety, highway patrol, department of transportation, department of health and senior services,  
54 and Missouri lottery.

55 5. The department of public safety shall have the authority to notify other regions upon  
56 verification that the criteria established by the oversight committee has been met.

57 6. Participation in an Amber alert **and Silver alert** system is entirely at the option of  
58 local law enforcement agencies and federally licensed radio and television broadcasters.

59 7. Any person who knowingly makes a false report that triggers an alert pursuant to this  
60 section is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

210.1014. 1. There is hereby created the "Amber Alert **and Silver Alert** System  
2 Oversight Committee", whose primary duty shall be to develop criteria and procedures for the  
3 Amber alert **and Silver alert** system and shall be housed within the department of public safety.  
4 The committee shall regularly review the function of the Amber alert **and Silver alert** system  
5 and revise its criteria and procedures in cooperation with the department of public safety to  
6 provide for efficient and effective public notification. As soon as practicable, the committee  
7 shall adopt criteria and procedures to expand the Amber alert **and Silver alert** system to provide  
8 urgent public alerts related to homeland security, criminal acts, health emergencies, and other  
9 imminent dangers to the public health and welfare.

10 2. The Amber alert **and Silver alert** system oversight committee shall consist of ten  
11 members of which seven members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and  
12 consent of the senate. Such members shall represent the following entities: two representatives  
13 of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association; two representatives of the Missouri Police Chiefs  
14 Association; one representative of small market radio broadcasters; one representative of large  
15 market radio broadcasters; one representative of television broadcasters. The director of the  
16 department of public safety shall also be a member of the committee and shall serve as chair of  
17 the committee. Additional members shall include one representative of the highway patrol and  
18 one representative of the department of health and senior services.

19 3. Members of the oversight committee shall serve a term of four years, except that  
20 members first appointed to the committee shall have staggered terms of two, three, and four years  
21 and shall serve until their successor is duly appointed and qualified.

22 4. Members of the oversight committee shall serve without compensation, except that  
23 members shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses required for the discharge  
24 of their duties.

25 5. The Amber alert **and Silver alert** system oversight committee shall promulgate rules  
26 for the implementation of the Amber alert **and Silver alert** system. Any rule or portion of a rule,  
27 as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated

28 in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the  
29 provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and  
30 chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
31 pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul  
32 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule  
33 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2003, shall be invalid and void.

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