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Bill would create alert system for missing adults

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An Amber Alert-style system for missing vulnerable adults would be created under a bill introduced in the Alaska Senate.

SB36, from Anchorage Sen. Johnny Ellis, calls upon the state departments of Public Safety and Military and Veterans' Affairs to develop a response and notification system for missing senior citizens and mentally and physically impaired adults. Ellis, in a statement, called the bill "a common-sense effort" to protect Alaska seniors and mentally-disabled adults.

Ellis says the proposed system would make use of existing funds, as well as existing infrastructure for emergency alerts. But he says it would carve out a special niche for vulnerable adults.

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