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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans."**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**\* Section 1. AS 44.35.020(a) is amended to read:**

**(a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall**

**(1) conduct the military affairs of the state as prescribed by the  
Military Code;**

**(2) cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual  
concern pertaining to the welfare of Alaskan veterans, including establishing,  
extending, or strengthening services for veterans in the state; [AND]**

**(3) annually, not later than February 1, make available a report to the  
legislature, through the governor, outlining the department's activities during the  
previous calendar year; the department shall notify the legislature that the report is  
available; and**

**(4) cooperate with the Department of Public Safety to develop and  
implement missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans**

1       under AS 44.41.060.

2       \* Sec. 2. AS 44.41 is amended by adding a new section to read:

3               **Sec. 44.41.060. Missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification**  
4       **plans.** (a) The Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Department of  
5       Military and Veterans' Affairs shall, using statewide and local radio and television  
6       broadcasts, newspapers, and other communications media, develop and implement  
7       missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans for use by law  
8       enforcement agencies, groups, and persons to locate a vulnerable adult who is missing  
9       and coordinate the use of those plans. The plans must at least include standards for

10               (1) determining when it is appropriate to implement a plan; standards  
11       developed under this paragraph must at least address

12                       (A) when a vulnerable adult will be considered missing; and

13                       (B) the format, contents, and distribution of reports prepared by  
14       participating law enforcement agencies and others searching for a missing  
15       vulnerable adult;

16               (2) determining where to implement the plan;

17               (3) the voluntary participation of radio and television broadcasters,  
18       newspaper publishers, and owners and operators of other communications media in  
19       the plan.

20               (b) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a radio or television  
21       broadcaster, a newspaper publisher, or an owner or operator of other communications  
22       media is not civilly liable for participating in a missing vulnerable adult prompt  
23       response and notification plan or for participating in the actual implementation of a  
24       plan if the broadcaster, publisher, or owner or operator has verified the authenticity of  
25       that implementation with the law enforcement agency.

26               (c) In this section, "vulnerable adult" has the meaning given in AS 47.24.900.