

**HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 179(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS DAVIS, Wielechowski, Dyson, Kookesh, Ellis, Meyer, Menard, Paskvan, McGuire, Stedman, Thomas, Olson, Wagoner, Stevens

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AS 44.41.060.**

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

**Sec. 44.41.060. Missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans.** (a) The Department of Public Safety, in cooperation with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs, shall, using statewide and local radio and television broadcasters and newspaper publishers, develop missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plans for use by law enforcement to locate a vulnerable adult who is missing, or who has disappeared, and coordinate the use of those plans. The plans must, at a minimum, include standards

(1) for determining when implementation of a notification plan would be appropriate; at a minimum, these standards must address

(A) when a vulnerable adult is to be considered missing; and

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

(2) for determining the proper area in which the plan is to be implemented;

(3) providing for the voluntary participation of radio and television broadcasters and newspaper publishers in the plan.

(b) Notwithstanding another provision of law,

(1) a law enforcement agency, or an officer or employee of the law enforcement agency, is not civilly liable for

(A) failing to participate in a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan;

(B) failing to implement a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan; or

(C) activating a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan if implementation is undertaken in good faith;

(2) a radio or television broadcaster or newspaper publisher is not civilly liable for participating in a missing vulnerable adult prompt response and notification plan or for participating in the actual implementation of a plan if the

1 broadcaster or publisher has verified the authenticity of that implementation with the  
2 law enforcement agency.

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