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missing indigenous person; alert system

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HOUSE BILL 2281

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1728.01; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1728.01, to read:

4 41-1728.01. Missing indigenous or endangered person alert
5 system; requirements

6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE MISSING INDIGENOUS OR
7 ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT SYSTEM AS A QUICK RESPONSE SYSTEM DESIGNED TO
8 ISSUE AND COORDINATE ALERTS FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF A MISSING INDIGENOUS
9 OR ENDANGERED PERSON.

10 B. ON THE REQUEST OF AN AUTHORIZED PERSON AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT
11 AGENCY THAT IS INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF A MISSING INDIGENOUS OR
12 ENDANGERED PERSON, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST AN ACTIVATION OF THE
13 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM AND ISSUE A MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED PERSON
14 ALERT IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

15 1. THE MISSING PERSON IS AN INDIGENOUS PERSON OR A NONINDIGENOUS
16 ENDANGERED PERSON WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

17 2. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING THE MISSING INDIGENOUS
18 OR ENDANGERED PERSON REPORT:

19 (a) HAS USED ALL AVAILABLE LOCAL RESOURCES.

20 (b) HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PERSON HAS GONE MISSING UNDER
21 UNEXPLAINED OR SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

22 (c) BELIEVES THAT THE MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED PERSON IS IN
23 DANGER OR THAT THE MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED PERSON IS IN THE
24 COMPANY OF A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS PERSON OR THAT THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS
25 INDICATING THAT THE MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED PERSON MAY BE IN
26 PERIL.

27 3. THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT, IF DISSEMINATED TO THE
28 PUBLIC, COULD ASSIST IN THE SAFE RECOVERY OF THE MISSING INDIGENOUS OR
29 ENDANGERED PERSON.

30 4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO USE THE FEDERALLY
31 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MISSING INDIGENOUS
32 OR ENDANGERED PERSON ALERTS.

33 C. IF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED
34 PERSON ALERT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE
35 MISSING INDIGENOUS OR ENDANGERED PERSON ALERT INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER
36 ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SIMILAR NOTIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE.