

REFERENCE TITLE: missing indigenous person; alert system

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Introduced by
Representatives Martinez: Garcia, Peshlakai, Tsosie

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 person alert system;
5 requirements
6 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON
7 ALERT SYSTEM AS A QUICK RESPONSE SYSTEM DESIGNED TO ISSUE AND COORDINATE
8 ALERTS FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF A MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON.
9 B. ON THE REQUEST OF AN AUTHORIZED PERSON AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT
10 AGENCY THAT IS INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF A MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON, THE
11 DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST AN ACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM AND
12 ISSUE A MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON ALERT IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS
13 ARE MET:
14 1. THE MISSING PERSON IS INDIGENOUS.
15 2. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING THE MISSING INDIGENOUS
16 PERSON REPORT:
17 (a) HAS USED ALL AVAILABLE LOCAL RESOURCES.
18 (b) HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PERSON HAS GONE MISSING UNDER
19 UNEXPLAINED OR SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.
20 (c) BELIEVES THAT THE MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON IS IN DANGER OR
21 THAT THE MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON IS IN THE COMPANY OF A POTENTIALLY
22 DANGEROUS PERSON OR THAT THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS INDICATING THAT THE
23 MISSING PERSON MAY BE IN PERIL.
24 3. THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT, IF DISSEMINATED TO THE
25 PUBLIC, COULD ASSIST IN THE SAFE RECOVERY OF THE MISSING INDIGENOUS
26 PERSON.
27 4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO USE THE FEDERALLY
28 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE ISSUANCE OF MISSING INDIGENOUS
29 PERSON ALERTS.
30 C. IF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON ALERT
31 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE MISSING
32 INDIGENOUS PERSON ALERT INFORMATION TO ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES
33 SIMILAR NOTIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE.