

Senate Engrossed House Bill

~~silver alert; criteria; notification~~  
(now: safe alert; notifications; criteria)

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**CHAPTER 175**  
**HOUSE BILL 2894**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-1728, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; 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. Section 41-1728, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 41-1728. Seek and find alert notification system;  
5 requirements; definitions

6 A. The department shall establish the ~~silver~~ SEEK AND FIND alert  
7 notification system as a quick response system designed to issue and  
8 coordinate alerts following the report of a missing person who ~~is~~  
9 ~~sixty-five years of age or older or who~~ has a developmental disability OR  
10 A COGNITIVE DISABILITY, Alzheimer's disease or dementia OR IS SIXTY-FIVE  
11 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER as described in subsection B of this section.

12 B. On the request of an authorized person at a law enforcement  
13 agency that is investigating a report of a missing person who ~~is~~  
14 ~~sixty-five years of age or older or who~~ has a developmental disability OR  
15 A COGNITIVE DISABILITY, Alzheimer's disease or dementia OR IS SIXTY-FIVE  
16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, the department shall request an activation of the  
17 emergency alert system and issue a ~~silver~~ SEEK AND FIND alert IMMEDIATELY,  
18 REGARDLESS OF THE MISSING PERSON'S AGE, if all of the following conditions  
19 are met:

20 1. The missing person ~~is sixty-five years of age or older or~~ has a  
21 developmental disability OR A COGNITIVE DISABILITY, Alzheimer's disease or  
22 dementia OR IS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

23 2. The law enforcement agency investigating the missing person  
24 report:

25 (a) Has used all available local resources.

26 (b) Has determined that the person has gone missing under  
27 unexplained or suspicious circumstances.

28 (c) Believes that the missing person is in danger because of age,  
29 health, mental or physical disability, environment or weather conditions,  
30 that the missing person is in the company of a potentially dangerous  
31 person or that there are other factors indicating that the missing person  
32 may be in peril.

33 3. There is information available that, if disseminated to the  
34 public, could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person.

35 4. The department has been designated to use the federally  
36 authorized emergency alert system for the issuance of ~~silver~~ SEEK AND FIND  
37 alerts.

38 C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUEST AN ACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY  
39 ALERT SYSTEM AND ISSUE A SEEK AND FIND ALERT IMMEDIATELY PURSUANT TO  
40 SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION. A SEEK AND FIND ALERT MAY NOT BE DENIED OR  
41 DELAYED DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES, PRIOR MISSING EPISODES OR  
42 DISCRETIONARY ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE UNRELATED TO THE IMMEDIATE RISK TO THE  
43 MISSING PERSON'S SAFETY.

1       ~~E.~~ D. If the department issues a ~~silver~~ SEEK AND FIND alert  
2 pursuant to this section, the department shall provide the ~~silver~~ SEEK AND  
3 FIND alert information to any other entity that provides similar  
4 notifications in this state.

5       E. ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THIS STATE SHALL DO ALL OF THE  
6 FOLLOWING:

7       1. DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND REGULARLY UPDATE TRAINING CRITERIA  
8 REGARDING THE SEEK AND FIND ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM PURSUANT TO THIS  
9 SECTION. THE TRAINING SHALL BE COMPREHENSIVE AND SHALL CREATE A SOLID  
10 FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE LEGAL CRITERIA AND PROCESSES  
11 INVOLVED IN ISSUING A TIMELY SEEK AND FIND ALERT.

12       2. CONDUCT SEEK AND FIND ALERT NOTIFICATION TRAINING FOR ALL  
13 EMPLOYEES OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AT THE TIME OF HIRE AND BIANNUALLY,  
14 WHO HAVE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN MISSING PERSON CASES, INCLUDING THE  
15 SUPERVISORS OF THESE EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNICATION DISPATCHERS. THE  
16 TRAINING SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ANY DEPARTMENT AND STATE POLICIES  
17 REGARDING LOCATING MISSING, ABDUCTED OR RUNAWAY PERSONS, WITH A SPECIFIC  
18 FOCUS ON SEEK AND FIND ALERT PROCEDURES. THE TRAINING SHALL BE  
19 COMPREHENSIVE AND SHALL CREATE A SOLID FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE REGARDING  
20 THE LEGAL CRITERIA AND PROCESSES INVOLVED IN ISSUING A TIMELY SEEK AND  
21 FIND ALERT.

22       ~~E.~~ F. For the purposes of this section: ~~—~~

23       1. "COGNITIVE DISABILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN  
24 SECTION 36-551.

25       2. "Developmental disability" has the same meaning prescribed in  
26 section 36-551.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 12, 2025.

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