

1 AN ACT creating the Kentucky Golden Alert System.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER FL IS CREATED TO  
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) The Department of Kentucky State Police, the Transportation Cabinet, the  
6 Division of Emergency Management, and local law enforcement shall collaborate  
7 to notify the public when an impaired person, as defined in KRS 39F.010(3)(b), is  
8 missing and the agencies determine that public notification might aid in the  
9 recovery of the impaired person. The collaboration shall be known as the  
10 Kentucky Golden Alert System.

11 (2) The agencies, as referenced in subsection (1) of this section, shall utilize existing  
12 resources, including but not limited to electronic highway signs, law enforcement  
13 communications systems, electronic media, local, regional, and statewide media  
14 providers, and the Emergency Alert System, if authorized and under conditions  
15 permitted by the federal government.

16 (3) No public alert using the system shall be issued unless the agencies, as referenced  
17 in subsection (1) of this section, have determined:

18 (a) That public notification is the most appropriate method of recovering the  
19 impaired person in a safe and efficient manner; and

20 (b) The geographic area in which the notification shall be made.

21 (4) If it is determined by the agencies referenced in subsection (1) of this section that  
22 public notification shall be initiated, the agencies shall notify the public and  
23 private agencies and organizations which will actually provide the notification  
24 and shall provide those organizations with the information which the agencies  
25 deem necessary.

26 (5) All local law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth shall cooperate with  
27 the agencies referenced in subsection (1) of this section within a timeframe as

1       established by administrative regulations promulgated by the Department of  
2       Kentucky State Police.

3       (6) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall promulgate administrative  
4       regulations for the operation and administration of the Kentucky Golden Alert  
5       System, including:

6       (a) Regulations on the use of highway signs and other infrastructure for the  
7       alert; and

8       (b) The methods and procedures of collaboration between the agencies  
9       referenced in subsection one (1) of this section.