AN ACT creating the Kentucky Golden Alert System.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) The Department of Kentucky State Police, in cooperation with the Transportation Cabinet, the Division of Emergency Management, broadcasters, and the news media shall operate a system to notify the public when an impaired person, as defined in KRS 39F.010, is missing and the department determines that public notification might aid in the recovery of the impaired person. The system shall be known as the Kentucky Golden Alert System.

(2) The system shall utilize existing resources, including but not limited to electronic highway signs, the Amber Alert System, law enforcement communications systems, electronic media, local, regional, and statewide media providers, and the Emergency Alert System, if authorized and under conditions permitted by the federal government.

(3) No public alert using the system shall be issued unless the department, in consultation with the law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction in which the impaired person is missing, has determined:

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

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

(4) If it is determined by the department that public notification shall be initiated, the department shall notify the public and private agencies and organizations which will actually provide the notification and shall provide those organizations and agencies with the information which the department deems necessary.

(5) All law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the department in the provision and dissemination of information regarding any
impaired person.

(6) No law enforcement agency, other than the department, shall activate the notification system specified in this section without the authority of the department.

(7) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall promulgate administrative regulations for the operation and administration of the Kentucky Golden Alert System.