

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 16 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 *(5) All law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth shall cooperate with the*
27 *department in the provision and dissemination of information regarding any*

1 impaired person.

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

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