

HOUSE BILL NO. 235

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

Introduced: 1/8/24

Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duty of law enforcement agencies to report missing persons; and**
2 **relating to missing persons."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 18.65.620 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) Within 30 days after the first report concerning a missing person was filed
6 with a local or state law enforcement agency, the agency shall submit a missing person
7 report to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System for a missing person
8 whose location has not been determined.

9 *** Sec. 2.** AS 18.65.630(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) When a person files a report of a missing person with a law enforcement
11 agency or with the clearinghouse, a form authorizing the release of medical and dental
12 records to the law enforcement agency, [AND] to the clearinghouse, **and to the**
13 **National Missing and Unidentified Persons System** shall be supplied to the family,
14 next of kin, or legal guardian of the missing person. The family, next of kin, or legal

1 guardian of the missing person may complete the release form and deliver the release
2 form to the physician or dentist of the missing person. The physician or dentist who
3 receives a release form signed by the family, next of kin, or legal guardian of the
4 missing person shall release to the law enforcement agency, [AND] the clearinghouse,
5 **and the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System** only that information
6 that is necessary to identify the missing person.

7 * **Sec. 3.** AS 18.65.630(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) Medical and dental records obtained under this section shall be provided to
9 the clearinghouse **and to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.**

10 * **Sec. 4.** AS 18.65.630 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

11 (e) If available, a law enforcement agency shall submit fingerprints,
12 photographs, and voluntary DNA samples from family members of the missing person
13 to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

14 (f) In this section, "DNA" has the meaning given in AS 18.13.100.