

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2654

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOMMER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to missing endangered veterans.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 42, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 42.047, to read as follows:

**42.047. 1. There is hereby created a statewide program called the "Green Alert  
2 System", referred to in this section as the "system", to aid in the identification and location  
3 of missing and endangered veterans.**

**4 2. For purposes of this section, the term "endangered veteran" means an individual  
5 who:**

**6 (1) Does not meet the criteria for an Amber alert under section 210.1012;**

**7 (2) Is missing under unexplained, involuntary, or suspicious circumstances; and**

**8 (3) Is a veteran or an active-duty member of the Armed Forces, the National  
9 Guard, or the military reserve forces of the United States who is known to have a physical  
10 or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.**

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**12 "Endangered veteran" does not include any person who is considered to be a runaway.**

**13 3. The department of public safety shall develop regions to provide the system. The  
14 department of public safety shall coordinate with local law enforcement agencies and  
15 public commercial television and radio broadcasters to provide an effective system. In the  
16 event that a local law enforcement agency opts not to set up a system and a report of a**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **missing or endangered veteran occurs within their jurisdiction, the agency shall notify the**  
18 **department of public safety, who shall notify local media in the region.**

19 **4. The system shall include all state agencies capable of providing urgent and timely**  
20 **information to the public together with broadcasters and other private entities that**  
21 **volunteer to participate in the dissemination of urgent public information. At a minimum,**  
22 **the green alert system shall include the department of public safety, state highway patrol,**  
23 **department of transportation, department of health and senior services, and Missouri**  
24 **lottery.**

25 **5. Participation in a green alert system is entirely at the option of local law**  
26 **enforcement agencies and federally licensed radio and television broadcasters.**

27 **6. The department of public safety shall administer and promulgate rules for the**  
28 **implementation of the green alert system established under this section. Any rule or**  
29 **portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the**  
30 **authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is**  
31 **subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This**  
32 **section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general**  
33 **assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove**  
34 **and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking**  
35 **authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and**  
36 **void.**

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