

ENROLLED ACT NO. 20, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2023 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to missing person alert systems; amending duties for the office of homeland security and highway patrol for emergency alert communications networks; amending state cooperation with federal, tribal and local law enforcement for alert systems; providing a definition; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 19-13-105(c)(vii) and 24-12-102(c) and by creating a new subsection (d) are amended to read:

19-13-105. Homeland security program.

(c) The director is the administrative head of the Wyoming office of homeland security. In addition to the duties described in W.S. 19-13-104(d) the director:

(vii) Shall assist and coordinate with local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies to employ the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system to notify residents of imminent threat by natural disaster or manmade event or to aid in the safe recovery of missing or endangered persons, which adheres to United States department of justice criteria. The director shall also assist local, state, tribal and federal law enforcement agencies integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks that enable and help facilitate search efforts for an adult at risk or other missing person of an age, needs or circumstances that may fall outside the scope of the America's missing: broadcast emergency response alert criteria. As used in this paragraph "adult at risk" means an adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from Alzheimer's

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disease or dementia, or who suffers from or could, without access to medication, suffer from cognitive impairment if the impairment would likely render the adult incapable of getting to a familiar location without assistance.

24-12-102. Duties generally; emergencies; coordination.

(c) The state highway patrol shall coordinate with local, tribal, state and federal law enforcement agencies, the Wyoming office of homeland security and any other appropriate entity to operate an alert system under the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system, adhering to the United States department of justice criteria. The state highway patrol shall operate and integrate additional missing persons alert communications networks that enable and help facilitate search efforts for an adult at risk or other missing person of an age, needs or circumstances that may fall outside the scope of the America's missing: broadcast emergency response alert criteria. The state highway patrol shall report annually to the division of criminal investigation the number of times and dates that the alert ~~system was~~ systems were used, the age, race and gender of the abducted person, whether the abduction was thwarted and whether ~~the~~ an alert system assisted in resolving the abduction. In addition:

(i) If the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes Tribe or the cooperative tribal governing body:

(A) Operate or seek to operate an alert system under the integrated public alert and warning system or successor system on the Wind River Indian Reservation, adhering to the United States department of justice

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criteria, or operate or seek to operate an additional missing persons alert communications network also operated by the state, the Wyoming office of homeland security and state highway patrol shall assist and coordinate with any tribal agency in establishing, integrating or operating that system;

(B) Report missing or endangered persons to the state highway patrol in conformance with applicable alert criteria, the state highway patrol shall employ the applicable alert ~~system~~systems under this subsection to aid in the protection of persons and safe recovery of the reported missing or endangered persons.

(ii) The state highway patrol may also use, integrate or manage other alert systems to aid in the safe recovery of missing or endangered persons.

(d) As used in this section "adult at risk" means an adult who has a developmental disability, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease or dementia, or who suffers from or could, without access to medication, suffer from cognitive impairment if the impairment would likely render the adult incapable of getting to a familiar location without assistance.

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Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk