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***Raised Bill No. 451***

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:  
(AGE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SILVER ALERT SYSTEM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) There is established a  
2 Missing Senior Citizen Information Clearinghouse within the  
3 Department of Public Safety. The clearinghouse shall be supervised by  
4 the Commissioner of Public Safety, who shall establish services  
5 deemed appropriate by the department to aid in the location of senior  
6 citizens.

7 (b) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Missing senior citizen" means any person who is sixty-five years  
9 of age or older, whose temporary or permanent residence is in this  
10 state or is believed to be in this state, whose location has not been  
11 determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law  
12 enforcement agency.

13 (2) "Missing senior citizen report" means a report prepared on a  
14 form designed by the Department of Public Safety for the use by  
15 private citizens and law enforcement agencies to report missing senior

16 citizen information to the Missing Senior Citizen Information  
17 Clearinghouse.

18 (3) "Interested person" means any relative, guardian or conservator  
19 of a missing senior citizen, any attorney-in-fact appointed by the  
20 missing senior citizen in accordance with chapter 7, of the general  
21 statutes or any health care representative appointed by the missing  
22 senior citizen in accordance with section 19a-576 of the general  
23 statutes.

24 (c) The clearinghouse shall be a central repository of information  
25 regarding missing senior citizens and other missing persons. Such  
26 information shall be collected and disseminated to assist in the location  
27 of missing senior citizens. The clearinghouse shall:

28 (1) Establish a system of intrastate communication of information  
29 relating to senior citizens determined to be missing by an interested  
30 person or by a law enforcement agency;

31 (2) Provide a centralized file for the exchange of information on  
32 missing senior citizens within the state;

33 (3) Interface with the National Crime Information Center for the  
34 exchange of information related to missing senior citizens;

35 (4) Collect, process, maintain and disseminate information on  
36 missing senior citizens, and strive to maintain or disseminate only  
37 accurate and complete information; and

38 (5) Conduct investigations concerning missing senior citizens in this  
39 state, and cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and other  
40 state and federal agencies in investigations concerning missing senior  
41 citizens.

42 (d) All state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies shall  
43 submit to the clearinghouse all missing senior citizen reports received  
44 by any such agency.

45 (e) (1) Any interested person may submit a missing senior citizen  
46 report to the clearinghouse on any senior citizen whose whereabouts  
47 are unknown, regardless of the circumstances, subsequent to the  
48 reporting of such to the appropriate law enforcement agency within  
49 the county in which the senior citizen became missing, which shall be  
50 included in the clearinghouse database.

51 (2) The interested person responsible for notifying the clearinghouse  
52 or a law enforcement agency of a missing senior citizen shall  
53 immediately notify such agency or the clearinghouse of any senior  
54 citizen whose location has been determined.

55 (f) Subject to available resources, the clearinghouse established by  
56 this section may collect, process, maintain and disseminate information  
57 to assist in the location of missing persons other than senior citizens.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a "Silver Alert System" in order to recover missing senior citizens.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*