



Substitute Senate Bill No. 337

Public Act No. 12-48

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SILVER ALERT SYSTEM.

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

Section 1. Section 29-1f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

(a) The clearinghouse established under section 29-1e shall collect, process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location of any missing person who (1) is eighteen years of age or older and has a mental impairment, or (2) is sixty-five years of age or older, provided a missing person report prepared by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection has been filed by such missing person's relative, guardian, conservator or attorney-in-fact appointed by the missing person in accordance with chapter 7, any health care representative appointed by the missing person in accordance with section 19a-576 or a nursing home administrator, as defined in section 19a-511, or, pursuant to section 2 of this act, by an employee of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive. Such relative, guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact, health care representative, or nursing home administrator or employee shall attest under penalty of perjury that the missing person (A) is eighteen years of age or older and has a mental impairment, or (B) is sixty-five

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years of age or older. No other proof shall be required in order to verify that the missing person meets the criteria to be eligible for assistance under this subsection. Such relative, guardian, conservator, attorney-in-fact, health care representative, [or] nursing home administrator or employee who files a missing person report shall immediately notify the clearinghouse or law enforcement agency if the missing person's location has been determined.

(b) Subject to available resources, the clearinghouse established by section 29-1e may collect, process, maintain and disseminate information to assist in the location of missing persons other than children and those persons who are eligible for assistance under subsection (a) of this section.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) A relative, guardian or conservator of a person who is receiving inpatient services at a facility of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and is missing from such facility may request the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services to file a missing person report with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection for purposes of receiving assistance in locating such person under subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-146c and 52-146e of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services may authorize an employee of the department who is certified under the provisions of sections 7-294a to 7-294e, inclusive, of the general statutes to file a missing person report with the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection under subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act, with respect to such person. Such report shall disclose only the minimal amount of information concerning such person as is necessary for purposes of the assistance provided under subsection (a) of section 29-1f of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

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