

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2456

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOMMER.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, 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 known as section 42.047, to read as follows:

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

**2. For the purposes of this section, the term "endangered veteran" shall mean an individual who:**

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

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

**(3) Is a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, the national guard, or the military reserve forces of the United States who is known to have a physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.**

**"Endangered veteran" does not include any person who is considered to be a runaway and to whom the subdivisions of this subsection do not apply.**

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

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.

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

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

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

28 6. The department of public safety shall administer and promulgate rules for the  
29 implementation of the green alert system. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is  
30 defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
31 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter  
32 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and  
33 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review,  
34 to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held  
35 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted  
36 after August 28, 2018, shall be invalid and void.

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