

## CHAPTER 259

### SILVER ALERT PROGRAM

#### §2201. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Department.** "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.  
[PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW).]

**2. Missing senior citizen.**  
[PL 2021, c. 62, §1 (RP).]

**3. Media.** "Media" means print, radio, Internet-based communication systems or other methods of communicating information to the public.  
[PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW).]

**3-A. Missing endangered person.** "Missing endangered person" means a person who is believed to be in danger because of the person's age, mental or physical health or intellectual or developmental disability, because of environmental or weather conditions or because the person is missing in dangerous, unexplained, involuntary or suspicious circumstances as determined by a local law enforcement agency.  
[PL 2021, c. 62, §1 (NEW).]

**4. Silver Alert.** "Silver Alert" means a notice provided under this chapter to the public through law enforcement agencies and the media.  
[PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW).]

**5. Silver Alert Program.** "Silver Alert Program" means the statewide alert program for missing endangered persons developed and implemented under this chapter.  
[PL 2021, c. 62, §1 (AMD).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 62, §1 (AMD).

#### §2202. Silver Alert Program

In accordance with this chapter and with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority, a statewide organization representing broadcast groups in the State, the Office of the Governor and appropriate law enforcement agencies, the department shall develop and implement the Silver Alert Program to be activated on behalf of missing endangered persons. The program must include standards of procedure for local law enforcement agencies to determine that a missing person is a missing endangered person, to determine information to be released regarding the missing endangered person or the circumstances of the person's disappearance and to appropriately activate a Silver Alert to local or statewide law enforcement agencies and to the media, a plan for providing relevant information to the public through an existing system of dynamic message signs located across the State when necessary and training for all law enforcement officers. The Silver Alert Program must be developed and implemented using existing resources. [PL 2021, c. 62, §2 (AMD).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 2009, c. 583, §1 (NEW). PL 2021, c. 62, §2 (AMD).

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