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HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Amends SA 2011 cM-18.5

1 The *Missing Persons Act* is amended by this Act.

2 The following is added after section 2:

Silver alert system

2.1(1) In this section,

- (a) “mental disorder” means a mental disorder as defined in the *Mental Health Act*;
- (b) “silver alert” means a broadcast messaging system that disseminates information to the public through the media and other means as soon as practicable after a person who meets the requirements in subsection (3) goes missing.

(2) For the purpose of collaborating to activate silver alerts, a police service may enter into an arrangement or agreement with one or more broadcasters and any other partners that the police service considers appropriate.

(3) A police service may activate a silver alert when an individual is reported missing to the police service if the police service determines that the following requirements are met:

- (a) the individual is a missing person,
- (b) the individual is a represented adult under the *Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act* or an adult with a cognitive impairment, mental disorder or medical condition that may render the person vulnerable,

- (c) the individual's safety and welfare are feared for given the individual's cognitive impairment, mental disorder or medical condition, and
- (d) there is information available that, if disseminated to the public, could assist in the individual's safe recovery.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), information obtained independently of this Act that could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person may be disseminated through a silver alert, including the following information:

- (a) the missing person's name;
- (b) a physical description of the missing person;
- (c) a photograph of the missing person;
- (d) information about any medical conditions of the missing person that might cause imminent risk;
- (e) pertinent vehicle information;
- (f) the place where the missing person was last seen;
- (g) the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the missing person.

(5) Personal health information may be disseminated under subsection (4)(d) only if

- (a) a police service reasonably believes that disseminating the information will assist in safely recovering the missing person, and
- (b) the information is limited to the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is disseminated.

(6) A police service may also disseminate through a silver alert information released under section 7(3).

3 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.



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