

HOUSE BILL No. 4819

May 23, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Meadows, Alma Smith, Tobocman, Hammon, Condino, Valentine, Byrnes, Bieda, Calley, Bauer, Polidori, Brown, Opsommer, Hune, Rick Jones, Caul, Ball, Byrum, Simpson, Cushingberry and Vagnozzi and referred to the Committee on Senior Health, Security, and Retirement.

A bill to prescribe the senior medical alert as the official response to reports of certain missing persons; to provide for the broadcast of information regarding those incidents; and to provide for certain civil immunity.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
2 "Mozelle senior medical alert act".

3 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4 (a) "Missing endangered senior" means a resident of this state
5 who is at least 65 years of age, who is reported missing by a
6 person familiar with the missing endangered senior, and who is
7 believed to be incapable of returning to his or her residence
8 without assistance.

1 (b) "Person familiar with the missing endangered senior" means
2 a missing endangered senior's guardian, custodian, or guardian ad
3 litem or an individual who provides the missing endangered senior
4 with home health aid services, possesses a health care power of
5 attorney for the missing endangered senior, or has proof that the
6 missing endangered senior has a medical condition.

7 Sec. 3. A law enforcement agency that receives notice of a
8 missing endangered senior from a person familiar with the missing
9 endangered senior shall prepare a report on the missing endangered
10 senior. The report shall include the following:

11 (a) Relevant information obtained from the notification
12 concerning the missing endangered senior, including the following:

13 (i) A physical description of the missing endangered senior.

14 (ii) The date, time, and place that the missing endangered
15 senior was last seen.

16 (iii) The missing endangered senior's address.

17 (b) Information gathered by a preliminary investigation, if
18 one was made.

19 (c) A statement by the law enforcement officer in charge
20 setting forth that officer's assessment of the case based upon the
21 evidence and information received.

22 Sec. 4. The law enforcement agency shall prepare the report
23 required by section 3 as soon as practicable, but not later than 5
24 hours after the law enforcement agency receives notification of a
25 missing endangered senior.

26 Sec. 5. (1) Upon completion of the report required by section
27 3, the law enforcement agency shall immediately forward the

1 contents of the report to all of the following:

2 (a) All law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction in the
3 location where the missing endangered senior resides and all law
4 enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction in the location where
5 the missing endangered senior was last seen.

6 (b) All law enforcement agencies to which the person who made
7 the notification concerning the missing endangered senior requests
8 the report be sent, if the law enforcement agency determines that
9 the request is reasonable in light of the information received.

10 (c) All law enforcement agencies that request a copy of the
11 report.

12 (d) One or more broadcasters that broadcast in an area where
13 the missing endangered senior may be located.

14 (2) Upon completion of the report required by section 3, a law
15 enforcement agency may forward a copy of the contents of the report
16 to 1 or more newspapers distributed in an area where the missing
17 endangered senior may be located.

18 (3) After forwarding the contents of the report to a
19 broadcaster or newspaper under this section, the law enforcement
20 agency shall request that the broadcaster or newspaper do the
21 following:

22 (a) Notify the public that there is a senior medical alert.

23 (b) Broadcast or publish a description of the missing
24 endangered senior and any other relevant information that would
25 assist in locating the missing endangered senior.

26 Sec. 6. A law enforcement agency shall begin an investigation
27 concerning the missing endangered senior as soon as possible after

1 receiving notification of a missing endangered senior.

2 Sec. 7. A person familiar with the missing endangered senior
3 who notifies a law enforcement agency concerning a missing
4 endangered senior shall notify the law enforcement agency when he
5 or she becomes aware that the missing endangered senior has been
6 found.

7 Sec. 8. (1) A broadcaster or newspaper that notifies the
8 public that there is a senior medical alert and broadcasts or
9 publishes to the public information contained in the report
10 forwarded to the broadcaster or newspaper by a law enforcement
11 agency, including a description of the missing endangered senior
12 and any other relevant information that would assist in locating
13 the missing endangered senior, is immune from civil liability for
14 an act or omission related to the broadcast or the publication of
15 the newspaper.

16 (2) The civil immunity described in subsection (1) does not
17 apply to an act or omission that constitutes gross negligence or
18 willful, wanton, or intentional misconduct.