

AN ACT

relating to the criteria for issuing a silver alert for a missing senior citizen.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 411.386, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.386. NOTIFICATION TO DEPARTMENT OF MISSING SENIOR CITIZEN. (a) A local law enforcement agency may notify the department if the agency:

(1) receives notice of a missing senior citizen;

(2) verifies that at the time the senior citizen is reported missing:

(A) the person reported missing is 65 years of age or older;

(B) the senior citizen's location is unknown; and

(C) ~~[the senior citizen's domicile is in Texas,~~
~~and~~

~~[(D)]~~ the senior citizen has an impaired mental condition; and

(3) determines that the senior citizen's disappearance poses a credible threat to the senior citizen's health and safety.

(b) The local law enforcement agency shall:

(1) require the family or legal guardian of the missing senior citizen to provide documentation of the senior

1 citizen's impaired mental condition to verify the condition as
2 required by Subsection (a)(2)(C) [~~(a)(2)(D)~~]; and

3 (2) as soon as practicable, determine whether the
4 senior citizen's disappearance poses a credible threat to the
5 senior citizen's health and safety for purposes of Subsection
6 (a)(3).

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 834 was passed by the House on March 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 834 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor