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S.B. No. 1551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 411.381(3), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (3) "Senior citizen" means a person who is 55 [~~65~~]
8 years of age or older.

9 SECTION 2. Section 411.386, Government Code, is amended by
10 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
11 follows:

12 (a) A local law enforcement agency may notify the department
13 if the agency:

14 (1) receives notice of a missing senior citizen;

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

17 (A) the person reported missing is 55 [~~65~~] years
18 of age or older;

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

20 (C) the senior citizen has an impaired mental
21 condition; and

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

24 (c) The family or legal guardian of a missing senior citizen

1 may provide documentation as required by Subsection (b)(1) by
2 submitting to the local law enforcement agency an affidavit stating
3 that the senior citizen has an impaired mental condition. The local
4 law enforcement agency may not require additional documentation
5 under Subsection (b)(1) from a family or legal guardian who submits
6 an affidavit as described by this subsection.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.