

# State of Wisconsin



2017 Senate Bill 473

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## 2017 WISCONSIN ACT 175

AN ACT *to amend* 165.785 (1) (b) 2., 165.785 (2m) (a) 1., 165.785 (2m) (b) and 175.51 (title); and *to create* 175.51 (1v) of the statutes; **relating to:** alerts for missing veterans who have a service-related health condition.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 165.785 (1) (b) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

165.785 (1) (b) 2. The department shall ensure that a law enforcement agency may access the network under par. (a) to disseminate a report under s. 175.51 (1m) or (1v) to persons on the list maintained under sub. (2m) (c).

**SECTION 2.** 165.785 (2m) (a) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

165.785 (2m) (a) 1. The department shall provide a form for reports of missing adults at risk under s. 175.51 (1m) and missing veterans at risk under s. 175.51 (1v) that law enforcement agencies can access through the integrated crime alert network.

**SECTION 4.** 165.785 (2m) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

165.785 (2m) (b) The department shall work directly with persons on the list maintained under par. (c) and with government agencies, broadcasters, and public and private organizations with missions focused on adults or veterans at risk to develop criteria for law enforcement officers to use to identify reports of missing adults or veterans at risk that are appropriate to disseminate under s. 175.51 (1m) or (1v), to determine the most effective methods and guidelines for the persons on the list main-

tained under par. (c) to use to broadcast or make public reports of missing adults or veterans at risk, and to receive feedback on the forms provided under par. (a) 1. and on the list maintained under par. (c).

**SECTION 5.** 175.51 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

**175.51 (title) Reports of missing adults and veterans at risk and of hit-and-run incidents.**

**SECTION 6.** 175.51 (1v) of the statutes is created to read:

175.51 (1v) (a) In this subsection, “veteran at risk” means a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, the national guard, or the military reserve forces of the United States who is known, based on the information provided by the person making the report, to have a physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.

(b) If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing veteran at risk that is provided within 72 hours of the individual’s disappearance, the law enforcement agency shall use the form under s. 165.785 (2m) (a) 1. and the integrated crime alert network to disseminate the report as soon as practically possible if the law enforcement agency determines that all of the following apply:

1. There is reason to believe that the veteran at risk is missing due to his or her physical or mental health condition.

\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. “Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor’s partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication.”

2. There is sufficient information available to disseminate that could assist in locating the missing veteran.

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