2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 628


AN ACT to renumber and amend 175.51 (1m) (b); and to create 175.51 (1m) (b) 1. and 2. and 343.252 of the statutes; relating to: referrals for subjects of alerts for missing adults and operator’s license review.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires a law enforcement agency that has issued an alert for a missing adult at risk, commonly known as a “Silver Alert,” to refer the person making the report and any guardian of the missing person to a local aging and disability resource center. If the subject of such an alert was driving a vehicle when he or she was reported missing, this bill also requires the law enforcement agency to notify the Department of Transportation. If DOT receives such a notification, DOT must review the driver’s license of the person to determine if restrictions should be imposed on the person’s license for the safety of the person or the public.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

SECTION 1. 175.51 (1m) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 175.51 (1m) (b) (intro.) and amended to read:
175.51 (1m) (b) (intro.) If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing adult at risk, the law enforcement agency shall use the form under s. 165.785 (2m) (a) 1. to disseminate the report using the integrated crime alert network. The law enforcement agency shall confirm that the report was an appropriate subject for an alert under this subsection and shall do all of the following:

**SECTION 2.** 175.51 (1m) (b) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

175.51 (1m) (b) 1. Refer to a local aging and disability resource center the person making the report, as well as any guardian or agent under an activated power of attorney for health care for the missing adult.

2. If the law enforcement agency determines that the adult reported missing was operating a motor vehicle during the period when he or she was reported missing, notify the department of transportation of the identity of the adult for purposes of the review required under s. 343.252.

**SECTION 3.** 343.252 of the statutes is created to read:

343.252 **Review of licenses after missing adult alert.** If an individual who is the subject of a notification under s. 175.51 (1m) (b) 2. has an operator’s license, the department shall review that individual’s operating privilege and impose restrictions under s. 343.13 as the department determines will protect that individual and public safety, including cancelling a license or an endorsement under s. 343.25.