

Amendment to SB 487

1 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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3 1 Chapter Heading. Amend the chapter heading of RSA 106-J to read as follows:

4 CHAPTER 106-J

5 MISSING [~~ADULTS, PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES,~~
6 ~~AND SENIOR CITIZENS~~]

7 ***ADULT PROGRAM AND MISSING VULNERABLE ADULT ALERT PROGRAM***

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9 Amend RSA 106-J:3, III as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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11 III. "Missing vulnerable adult" includes, but is not limited to, a missing adult who:

12 (a)(1) Is 18 years or older;

13 (2) Whose whereabouts are unknown;

14 (3) Whose last known whereabouts at the time he or she is reported missing is in
15 New Hampshire; and

16 (4) Whose disappearance poses a credible threat to the safety and health of the
17 person, as determined by a local law enforcement agency; and

18 (b)(1) Who has a mental or cognitive disability, such as dementia;

19 (2) Who has an intellectual or developmental disability;

20 (3) Who has a brain injury; or

21 (4) Who has another physical, mental, or emotional disability.
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23 Amend RSA 106-J:4, II and III as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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25 II. When a local law enforcement agency receives notice that a vulnerable adult is
26 missing, the agency shall require the vulnerable adult's family or legal guardian to provide
27 information relative to the vulnerable adult's impaired mental condition, intellectual or
28 developmental disability, brain injury, or other physical, mental, or emotional disability. Once the
29 local law enforcement agency is provided a statement from the vulnerable adult's caregiver that the
30 vulnerable adult is missing and has an impairment, the local law enforcement agency shall notify
31 the department.

32 III. When notified by a local law enforcement agency of a missing vulnerable adult, the

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1 department shall issue an immediate alert. The alert shall be sent to designated media outlets in
2 New Hampshire. Participating radio stations, television stations, and other media outlets may
3 issue the alert at designated intervals. The alert shall include all appropriate information from the
4 local law enforcement agency that may assist in the safe recovery of the missing vulnerable adult
5 and a statement instructing anyone with information related to the missing vulnerable adult to
6 contact his or her local law enforcement agency.

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8 Amend RSA 106-J:5, II as inserted by section 5 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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10 II. Transparency and communication with the existing Medic Alert + Safe Return program
11 or a similar program, including a mechanism to enroll individuals who are involved in wandering
12 incidents in Medic Alert + Safe Return on the department's website.