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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of a mass notification and emergency  
2 messaging system for endangered missing persons.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 29C.17A, subsection 3, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Information disseminated to the public through the mass  
4 notification and emergency messaging system shall be limited  
5 to imminent emergency and public safety-related issues. For  
6 purposes of this section, a "public safety-related issue"  
7 includes the circumstances described in subsection 3A. The  
8 department may provide access to the system for use at the  
9 county and local level. Access by a county or local government  
10 shall be at the department's sole discretion, and if approved  
11 by the department, shall be under the control of the local  
12 commission. The commission shall establish an operational plan  
13 and procedure which meets standards adopted by the department  
14 by rule, and shall submit the operational plan and procedure  
15 for approval by the department prior to access being granted.  
16 Additional access criteria and procedures for administering the  
17 fund shall be established by the department by rule.

18 Sec. 2. Section 29C.17A, Code 2019, is amended by adding the  
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The department shall adopt rules to  
21 utilize the mass notification and emergency messaging system to  
22 notify the public about an endangered missing person, together  
23 with information that could assist in locating and providing  
24 help to such a person. For purposes of this subsection,  
25 "*endangered missing person*" means a person of any age who  
26 is missing, who may be in danger due to the person's age or  
27 physical or mental health or due to severe weather conditions,  
28 and who may be unable to return to safety without assistance.  
29 "*Endangered missing person*" includes, without limitation, a  
30 veteran as defined in section 35.1 or an active duty member of  
31 the armed forces of the United States, a member of a reserve  
32 component thereof, or a member of the national guard, who has  
33 a physical or mental health condition related to the military  
34 service of the veteran or member and who may be missing as a  
35 result of that condition.