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Public Alert Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jen Plumb

House Sponsor:

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LONG TITLE

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General Description:

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This bill creates the Purple Alert Notification System.

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Highlighted Provisions:

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This bill:

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▶ creates the Purple Alert Notification System, to be implemented and administered by the Department of Public Safety, to assist with locating missing and endangered vulnerable {adults} individuals in certain circumstances.

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

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None

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Other Special Clauses:

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This bill provides a special effective date.

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Utah Code Sections Affected:

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ENACTS:

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53-10-1101 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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53-10-1102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953

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19 **53-10-1103** , Utah Code Annotated 1953

20 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 Section 1. Section 1 is enacted to read:

22 **53-10-1101. Definitions.**

23 11. Purple Alert System

24 As used in this part:

25 (1) "Amber Alert" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-10-1001.

26 (2) "Dementia" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-10-702.

27 {(3) }

28 {(a) {"Dependent adult" means an individual who is:}} }

29 {(i) {18 years old but younger than 60 years old; and}} }

30 {(ii) {has a physical or mental impairment that restricts the individual's ability to carry out normal activities or to protect the individual's rights.}} }

31 {(b) {"Dependent adult" includes an individual:}} }

32 {(i) {who has physical or developmental disabilities; or}} }

33 {(ii) {whose physical or mental capacity has substantially diminished because of age.}} }

34 {(e) {"Dependent adult" does not include an individual who has dementia.}} }

35 (4){(3)} "Purple Alert" means an alert issued under the Purple Alert Notification System by the department for a missing vulnerable {adult} individual in accordance with Section 53-10-1102.

36 (5){(4)} "Purple Alert Notification System" means the system created in Section 53-10-1102.

37 (5)

38 (a) "Vulnerable adult" means an individual who:

39 (i) is 18 years old or older but younger than 60 years old; and

40 (6){(ii)} {"Vulnerable adult" means} possesses a {dependent adult who has a} physical or mental impairment, permanent or {physical impairment} temporary, that substantially affects the individual's ability to:

41 (a){(A)} provide personal protection;

42 (b){(B)} provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or medical or other {health care} healthcare;

43 (c){(C)} obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;

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44 (d) {D} carry out the activities of daily living; or
45 (e) {E} manage the individual's own resources {: or} ;
46 {F} {comprehend the nature and consequences of remaining in a situation of abuse, neglect, or
exploitation.} }
41 (b) "Vulnerable adult" does not include an individual who has dementia.
42 (6) "Vulnerable minor" means a individual who:
43 (a) is younger than 18 years old; and
44 (b) has a permanent or temporary physical or mental impairment.
45 (7) "dividual" means a vulnerable adult or vulnerable minor.

46 Section 2. Section 2 is enacted to read:

53-10-1102. Purple Alert Notification System -- Creation -- Law enforcement and department responsibilities.

51 (1) There is created the Purple Alert Notification System for missing vulnerable {adults} individuals
to be administered by the department to issue and coordinate alerts following the report of a missing
vulnerable {adult} individual.
54 {2} }
55 {a) {If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing adult, the law enforcement agency
shall determine whether the missing adult is a vulnerable adult.} }
56 (b){2} If {the} a law enforcement agency {determines that the missing adult is} receives a
{vulnerable adult} report of a missing individual, the law enforcement agency {shall} may request
that the department {to} activate a Purple Alert{.} for the individual if the law enforcement agency
determines that:
59 {3) {The department may only activate a Purple Alert after receiving a request under Subsection (2)(b)
if.} }
55 (a) the missing individual is a vulnerable individual;
61 (a){b) the {department determines that the} Purple Alert is a viable means by which the missing
vulnerable {adult} individual is likely to be returned to safety; and
63 (b){c) there is sufficient descriptive information about the missing vulnerable {adult} individual and
the circumstances surrounding the vulnerable {adult's} individual's disappearance to indicate that
activating the alert is likely to help locate the vulnerable {adult} individual.
61 (3) The department shall activate a Purple Alert after receiving a request under Subsection (2) if:

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66 (c){(a)} ~~{there}~~ in the case of a missing vulnerable individual who is a ~~credible threat of immediate~~
danger or serious bodily harm to the } vulnerable {adult or} minor, the criteria for the activation of
the {public} Amber Alert System under Section 53-10-1002 has not been met; and

68 (d){(b)} the Purple Alert meets any additional requirements established by the department for activation
of a Purple Alert under Section 53-10-1103.

70 (4)

71 (a) The Purple Alert Notification System shall:

73 (i) except as provided in Subsections (4)(a)(ii) and (b)(i), utilize the same coordination as an Amber
Alert; and

77 (ii) when providing information to the Department of Transportation for the activation of highway
signage to locate a missing vulnerable {adult} individual, indicate the specific geographical area
in which the missing {endangered} vulnerable {adult} individual was last seen, to ensure that
signs only in that area will be activated.

78 (b) The Purple Alert Notification System may not:

79 (i) activate the Emergency Alert System when issuing a Purple Alert; or

80 (ii) issue a Purple Alert that contains information regarding an endangered vulnerable {adult's}
individual's specific medical diagnosis.

85 Section 3. Section 3 is enacted to read:

53-10-1103. Rulemaking authority.

86 The department shall make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
Administrative Rulemaking Act, establishing policies, procedures, and a timeline for the:

87 (1) request of a Purple Alert by a law enforcement officer or agency;

88 (2) activation of a Purple Alert;

89 (3) duration of a Purple Alert; and

90 (4) cancellation of a Purple Alert.

91 Section 4. Effective date.

92 Effective Date.

93 This bill takes effect on {May 6, 2026} January 1, 2027.

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