



29       department for a missing vulnerable individual in accordance with Section 53-10-1102.

30       (4) "Purple Alert Notification System" means the system created in Section 53-10-1102.

31       (5)(a) "Vulnerable adult" means an individual who:

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

33           (ii) possesses a physical or mental impairment, permanent or temporary, that  
34           substantially affects the individual's ability to:

35           (A) provide personal protection;

36           (B) provide necessities such as food, shelter, clothing, or medical or other  
37           healthcare;

38           (C) obtain services necessary for health, safety, or welfare;

39           (D) carry out the activities of daily living; or

40           (E) manage the individual's own resources.

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) "Vulnerable individual" means a vulnerable adult or vulnerable minor.

46       Section 2. Section **53-10-1102** is enacted to read:

47       **53-10-1102 . Purple Alert Notification System -- Creation -- Law enforcement**  
**and department responsibilities.**

49       (1) There is created the Purple Alert Notification System for missing vulnerable individuals  
50       to be administered by the department to issue and coordinate alerts following the report  
51       of a missing vulnerable individual.

52       (2) If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing individual, the law  
53       enforcement agency may request that the department activate a Purple Alert for the  
54       individual if the law enforcement agency determines that:

55           (a) the missing individual is a vulnerable individual;

56           (b) the Purple Alert is a viable means by which the missing vulnerable individual is  
57           likely to be returned to safety; and

58           (c) there is sufficient descriptive information about the missing vulnerable individual  
59           and the circumstances surrounding the vulnerable individual's disappearance to  
60           indicate that activating the alert is likely to help locate the vulnerable individual.

61       (3) The department shall activate a Purple Alert after receiving a request under Subsection  
62       (2) if:

63       (a) in the case of a missing vulnerable individual who is a vulnerable minor, the criteria  
64       for the activation of the Amber Alert System under Section 53-10-1002 has not been  
65       met; and

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

68       (4)(a) The Purple Alert Notification System shall:

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

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

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

76           (i) activate the Emergency Alert System when issuing a Purple Alert; or  
77           (ii) issue a Purple Alert that contains information regarding an endangered vulnerable  
78           individual's specific medical diagnosis.

79       Section 3. Section **53-10-1103** is enacted to read:

80       **53-10-1103 . Rulemaking authority.**

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

83       (1) request of a Purple Alert by a law enforcement officer or agency;  
84       (2) activation of a Purple Alert;  
85       (3) duration of a Purple Alert; and  
86       (4) cancellation of a Purple Alert.

87       Section 4. **Effective Date.**

88       This bill takes effect on January 1, 2027.