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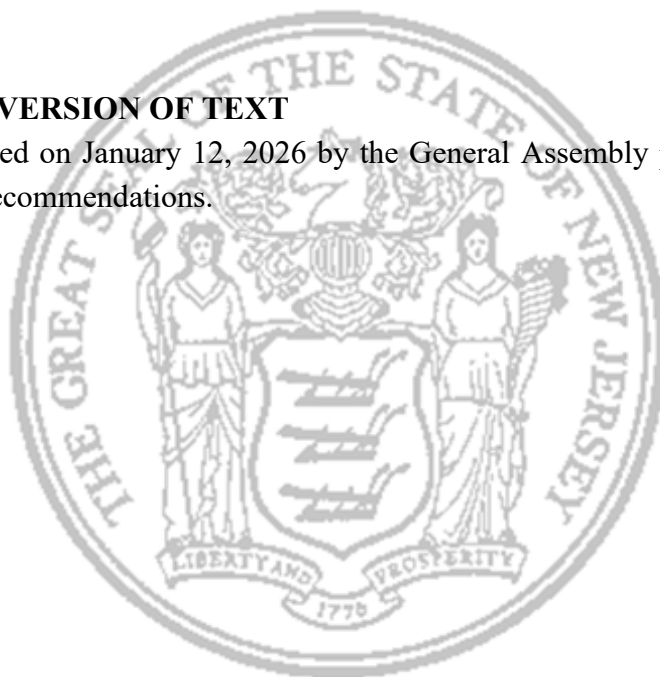
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SYNOPSIS

Requires Silver Alert System receive same broadcast alerts as Amber Alert System.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended on January 12, 2026 by the General Assembly pursuant to the Governor's recommendations.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/18/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning the “Silver Alert System” and amending
2 P.L.2009, c.167.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.167 (C.52:17B-194.6) is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 3. a. The Missing Persons **[and Child Exploitation]** Unit in the
10 Division of State Police, in consultation with the Department of
11 Transportation, shall develop a procedure for the use of overhead
12 permanent changeable message signs to provide information on a
13 missing person meeting the criteria set forth in section 2 of
14 P.L.2009, c.167 (C.52:17B-194.5) when information is available
15 that would enable motorists to assist in the recovery of the missing
16 person.

17 b. The Missing Persons **[and Child Exploitation]** Unit and the
18 Department of Transportation shall develop guidelines for the
19 content, length, and frequency of any message to be placed on the
20 overhead permanent changeable message sign.

21 c. The procedure and guidelines required in subsections a. and
22 b. of this section shall provide at a minimum that:

23 (1) overhead permanent changeable message signs may be
24 activated only if accurate motor vehicle information is available and
25 it is confirmed that the person was driving the motor vehicle at the
26 time of the disappearance; and

27 (2) the lead law enforcement agency, upon determining that a
28 Silver Alert is warranted, shall contact the **[Watch Operations Unit**
29 **in the]** New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence
30 Center, which shall contact the Department of Transportation for
31 activation of highway signs.

32 d. ¹The Missing Persons Unit shall develop a procedure for the
33 use of an emergency mass notification system with incident
34 communications that facilitates rapid dissemination of urgent alerts
35 to the public that contain information on a missing person by text
36 message, voice call, electronic mail, mobile app notifications, social
37 media platform, and any other user-friendly interface, as determined
38 by the lead law enforcement agency, to provide information on a
39 missing person meeting the criteria set forth in section 2 of
40 P.L.2009, c.167 (C.52:17B-194.5), when information is available
41 that would enable members of the public to assist in the recovery of
42 the missing person.¹

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's
recommendations January 12, 2026.

1 ¹~~【d.】 e.~~¹ The participating media ~~【may】~~ ¹~~【shall】~~ may
2 voluntarily agree¹ ~~【voluntarily agree】~~, upon notice of the issuance
3 of a Silver Alert, ~~【to】~~ ¹~~to~~¹ inform the public of a person believed to
4 be missing within their service regions. The notice shall be
5 provided through the lead law enforcement agency. ¹~~【The alert~~
6 shall be read after a distinctive sound tone and the statement: “This
7 is a Missing Person Silver Alert.” The alert shall be broadcast as
8 often as possible, pursuant to the guidelines established by the New
9 Jersey Broadcasters Association, for the first three hours. After the
10 first three hours, the alert shall be rebroadcast at those intervals the
11 lead law enforcement agency and the participating media deem
12 appropriate.】 In addition, “Missing Person Silver Alerts” and any
13 other relevant or appropriate notification information shall be
14 communicated to the public through an emergency mass
15 notification system with incident communications, in accordance
16 with procedures established by the Missing Persons Unit pursuant
17 to subsection d. of this section.¹

18 ¹~~【e.】 f.~~¹ The alerts shall terminate upon notice from the lead
19 law enforcement agency.

20 ¹~~【f.】 g.~~¹ The alerts shall include a description of the missing
21 person and ~~【such】~~ any other information as the lead law
22 enforcement agency may deem pertinent and appropriate. The lead
23 law enforcement agency shall, in a timely manner, update the media
24 with new information regarding the missing person when
25 appropriate.

26 ¹~~【g.】 h.~~¹ The alerts also shall provide information concerning
27 how those members of the public who have information relating to
28 the missing person may contact the lead law enforcement agency or
29 the Missing Persons ~~【and Child Exploitation】~~ Unit in the Division
30 of State Police.

31 ¹i. For purposes of this section, “emergency mass notification
32 system with incident communications” means a communications
33 platform capable of immediate mass notifications through mobile or
34 other electronic devices on a Statewide or local level.¹

35 (cf: P.L.2009, c.167, s.3)

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37 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
38 month next following the date of enactment.