

Senate Engrossed House Bill
missing indigenous person; alert system

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HOUSE BILL 2281

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 41-1728.01; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 12, article 2, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 41-1728.01, to read:

4 41-1728.01. Turquoise alert system; requirements; definitions

5 A. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH THE TURQUOISE ALERT SYSTEM AS A
6 QUICK RESPONSE SYSTEM DESIGNED TO ISSUE AND COORDINATE ALERTS FOLLOWING
7 THE REPORT OF A MISSING PERSON.

8 B. ON THE REQUEST OF AN AUTHORIZED PERSON AT A LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY THAT IS INVESTIGATING A REPORT OF A MISSING PERSON, THE DEPARTMENT
10 SHALL REQUEST AN ACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM AND ISSUE A
11 TURQUOISE ALERT IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

12 1. THE MISSING PERSON IS UNDER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE.

13 2. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING THE MISSING PERSON
14 REPORT:

15 (a) HAS USED ALL AVAILABLE LOCAL RESOURCES.

16 (b) HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PERSON HAS GONE MISSING UNDER
17 UNEXPLAINED OR SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

18 (c) BELIEVES THAT THE MISSING PERSON IS IN DANGER OR THAT THE
19 MISSING PERSON IS IN THE COMPANY OF A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS PERSON OR THAT
20 THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS INDICATING THAT THE MISSING PERSON MAY BE IN
21 PERIL.

22 3. THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT, IF DISSEMINATED TO THE
23 PUBLIC, COULD ASSIST IN THE SAFE RECOVERY OF THE MISSING PERSON.

24 4. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO USE THE FEDERALLY
25 AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TURQUOISE ALERTS.

26 C. IF THE DEPARTMENT ISSUES A TURQUOISE ALERT PURSUANT TO THIS
27 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE TURQUOISE ALERT INFORMATION TO
28 ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SIMILAR NOTIFICATIONS IN THIS STATE.

29 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

30 1. "LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY" MEANS THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
31 SAFETY, A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT, A COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, A TRIBAL
32 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT OPERATES
33 WITHIN THIS STATE.

34 2. "PERSON" INCLUDES A MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN
35 TRIBE.

36 Sec. 2. Purpose

37 The purpose of this act is to honor and memorialize the life of San
38 Carlos Apache Tribal member, Emily Pike.

39 Sec. 3. Short title

40 This act may be cited as "Emily's Law".