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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SP 9: SILVER ALERT PROGRAM.

UNDER EXISTING LAW, IF A PERSON IS REPORTED MISSING TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AND THAT AGENCY DETERMINES THAT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, INCLUDING, AMONG OTHERS, THAT THE MISSING PERSON IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY REQUEST THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO ACTIVATE A SILVER ALERT. THESE PROVISIONS WILL BE REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2016.

THIS MEASURE WOULD MEMORIALIZE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DELETE THE REPEAL OF THESE PROVISIONS AND MAKE THE SILVER ALERT PROGRAM PERMANENT.

VOTE: MAJORITY.

SP 9: RELATING TO SILVER ALERT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, VULNERABLE SENIOR CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THOSE SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE OR DEMENTIA, GO MISSING EVERY DAY; AND

WHEREAS, IF THESE WANDERING INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT FOUND WITHIN 24 HOURS, STUDIES SHOW THAT ONE-HALF OF THEM SUFFER INJURIES OR DEATH; AND

WHEREAS, THE SILVER ALERT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED A STATEWIDE ALERT SYSTEM IMPLEMENTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT TO QUICKLY RECOVER THESE INDIVIDUALS; AND

WHEREAS, THE SILVER ALERT PROGRAM WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN 2013, THE INITIAL YEAR OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION, WITH 160 ALERTS ACTIVATED, RESULTING IN 149 INDIVIDUALS RECOVERED; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, BY THE SENIOR SENATE AND THE SENIOR ASSEMBLY, JOINTLY, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT ITS 2014 REGULAR SESSION, A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS VOTING THEREFOR, HEREBY PROPOSES THAT THE SILVER ALERT PROGRAM BE MADE PERMANENT BY DELETING THE REPEAL OF THESE PROVISIONS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 1, 2016; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT THE SENIOR LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESPECTFULLY MEMORIALIZES THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ENACT APPROPRIATE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS SET FORTH IN THIS MEASURE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS MEASURE BE TRANSMITTED TO THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.