

## S 557

A bill to encourage, enhance, and integrate Silver Alert plans throughout the United States, to authorize grants for the assistance of organizations to find missing adults, and for other purposes.

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI]	D · WI		Mar 10, 2009
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 23, 2009
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 20, 2009
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Sep 10, 2009
Sen. LeMieux, George S. [R-FL]	R · FL		Nov 4, 2009
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 16, 2009
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Jan 28, 2010
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 4, 2010
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 2, 2010
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Mar 10, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 10, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Crime and Law Enforcement

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 632	Related bill	Feb 11, 2009: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

National Silver Alert Act - Directs the Attorney General to: (1) establish a national Silver Alert communications network within the Department of Justice (DOJ) to assist regional and local search efforts for missing seniors; (2) assign a DOJ officer to serve as the Silver Alert Coordinator to coordinate the network with states; and (3) award grants to states for support of Silver Alert plans and the network. Defines "missing senior" as any individual who is reported as missing to or by a law enforcement agency and who meets state requirements for designation as a missing senior.

Directs the Coordinator to: (1) establish minimum standards for the issuance and dissemination of alerts issued through the network; and (2) make available to states, local governments, law enforcement agencies, and other concerned entities network training and information.

Authorizes the Attorney General to award grants to states and local governments to provide voluntary electronic monitoring services to elderly individuals (Sammy Kirk Voluntary Electronic Monitoring Program).

Kristen's Act Reauthorization of 2009 - Directs the Attorney General to make competitive grants to public agencies and/or nonprofit private organizations to: (1) maintain a national resource center and database for tracking missing adults; and (2) provide assistance and to law enforcement agencies, families, and victim advocates in locating and recovering missing adults.

## **Actions Timeline**

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