**Camo Alert**

An act relating to the creation of a statewide alert system known as “Camo Alert” for missing “at-risk veteran”; to amend Section 937, FS, providing definitions; inclusion to the existing state-wide FDLE Missing Endangered Person Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC); provide for the establishment of guidelines and procedures for investigation of missing at-risk veteran; and providing immunity from civil liability for damages to specified entities who have been requested by law enforcement to record, report, transmit, display, or release information pertaining to a missing at-risk veteran if they complied with the request in good faith.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection 2, section 937.0201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read and add:

(2) “Missing adult” means a person 18 years of age or older whose temporary or permanent residence is in, or is believed to be in, this state, whose location has not been determined, and who has been reported as missing to a law enforcement agency**, and includes “At-risk Veteran”.**

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| (3**) (a) “At-risk Veteran” means a veteran, an active-duty member of the armed forces, the national guard, the military reserve forces of the United States, regardless of age, who is known to suffer from a mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), or a traumatic brain injury, and their disappearance poses a credible threat to his or her own health and safety or the health and safety of another.** |
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Section 2. Subsections (5)(c), (5)(d), and (5)(e), section 937.021, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

(c) Upon receiving a request to record, report, transmit, display, or release Silver Alert **and/or Camo Alert** information from the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the missing adult, the Department of Law Enforcement as the state Silver Alert **and/or Camo Alert** coordinator, any state or local law enforcement agency, and the personnel of these agencies; any radio or television network, broadcaster, or other media representative; any dealer of communications services as defined in s. 202.11; or any agency, employee, individual, or entity is immune from civil liability for damages for complying in good faith with the request and is presumed to have acted in good faith in recording, reporting, transmitting, displaying, or releasing Silver Alert **or Camo Alert** information pertaining to the missing adult.

**(D) In this subsection, “At-risk Veteran” means a veteran or an active duty member of the armed forces, the national guard, military reserve forces of the United Statse who is known to have physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.**

 (d) The presumption of good faith is not overcome if a technical or clerical error is made by any agency, employee, individual, or entity acting at the request of the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, or if the Amber Alert, Missing Child Alert, missing child information, missing adult information, Silver Alert, **or Camo Alert** information is incomplete or incorrect because the information received from the local law enforcement agency was incomplete or incorrect.

(e) Neither this subsection nor any other provision of law creates a duty of the agency, employee, individual, or entity to record, report, transmit, display, or release the Amber Alert, Missing Child Alert, missing child information, missing adult information, Silver Alert**, or Camo Alert** information received from the local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. The decision to record, report, transmit, display, or release information is discretionary with the agency, employee, individual, or entity receiving the information.

Section 3. Subsection (3)(b)4, section 937.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4. Only the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the case may make a request to the clearinghouse for the activation of a state Silver Alert **or Camo Alert** involving a missing adult if circumstances regarding the disappearance have met the criteria for activation of the Silver Alert Plan **or Camo Alert Plan**.

Section 4. Subsection (1), section 937.037, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1) The Department of Education shall provide by rule for a program to identify and locate missing Florida school children who are enrolled in Florida public school districts in kindergarten through grade 12. A “missing Florida school child” is defined for the purposes of this section as a child 18 years of age or younger whose whereabouts are unknown**, but does not include at-risk veteran**. Pursuant to such program, the department shall:

**Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.**