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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Green Alert Program Act. Provides that each law enforcement agency shall implement a Green Alert Program for missing members of the Armed Forces. Provides that each law enforcement agency may adopt necessary rules to implement the Green Alert Program. Requires each law enforcement agency to adopt specified rules. Requires the Illinois State Police to adopt rules to assist investigating law enforcement agencies during their investigations as a resource for the receipt, analysis, and dissemination of information to those agencies that have a need and right to know about a missing member of the Armed Forces. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules for the display on its variable message signs of appropriate information that may assist in the safe return of a missing member of the Armed Forces, consistent with applicable State and federal requirements. Provides that if an investigating law enforcement agency receives notice that an individual is a missing member of the Armed Forces, the agency shall solicit information from the family or legal guardian of the missing member of the Armed Forces to provide information regarding the physical or mental condition of the missing member of the Armed Forces. Requires the investigating law enforcement agency to notify the Illinois State Police of the missing member of the Armed Forces. Provides that the Illinois State Police shall make all the necessary notifications and assist the investigating law enforcement agency. Contains provisions regarding the cancellation of a Green Alert. Contains other provisions.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning veterans.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Green
Alert Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Act:

7 "ACIM Alert Program" or "ACIM" means "A Child is Missing 8 Alert Program", a national rapid-response communication 9 network that offers free assistance to law enforcement 10 agencies to aid in the recovery, identity, or apprehension of 11 missing persons through the use of immediate public 12 notification and dissemination of information via telephone in 13 a targeted community.

14 "Green Alert Program" or "Green Alert" means the 15 procedures used to aid in the identification of a missing 16 member of the Armed Forces.

17 "Investigating law enforcement agency" means the law 18 enforcement agency that has primary jurisdiction in the area 19 in which a complaint regarding a missing member of the Armed 20 Forces is filed.

21 "Missing member of the Armed Forces" means an individual 22 who meets all of the following:

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(1) The individual's location is unknown.

1 2 (2) The individual's domicile is in this State at the time the individual is reported missing.

3 (3) The individual is a veteran or an active duty
4 member of the United States Armed Forces, including the
5 National Guard or the reserves.

6 (4) The individual is known to have a physical or 7 mental health condition that is related to the 8 individual's service as an active duty member of the 9 United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard 10 or reserves.

11 (5) The individual's disappearance poses a credible 12 threat to the health or safety of the individual, as 13 determined by the investigating law enforcement agency.

14 "Veteran" means an individual who has served in the United 15 States Armed Forces, including the National Guard or the 16 reserves.

Section 10. Establishment of the Illinois Green AlertProgram.

(a) Each law enforcement agency shall implement a Green
Alert Program, consistent with the ACIM Alert Program, for
missing members of the Armed Forces.

(b) Each law enforcement agency may adopt necessary rules to implement the Green Alert Program. The rules must include the following:

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(1) Procedures for the use of the Illinois State

Police to provide support to the investigating law enforcement agency as a resource for the receipt, analysis, and dissemination of information regarding a missing member of the Armed Forces and the whereabouts of the missing member of the Armed Forces.

6 (2) Procedures for the investigating law enforcement 7 agency to use to verify whether a missing member of the 8 Armed Forces is missing and the circumstances under which 9 the agency must enter descriptive information of the 10 missing member of the Armed Forces into the Illinois State 11 Police and the National Crime Information Center system.

12 (3) The process for reporting the information to13 designated media outlets for this State.

14 (c) The Illinois State Police shall adopt rules for the 15 use of the Illinois State Police to assist investigating law 16 enforcement agencies during their investigations as a resource 17 for the receipt, analysis, and dissemination of information to 18 those agencies that have a need and right to know about a 19 missing member of the Armed Forces.

(d) The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules for the display on its variable message signs of appropriate information that may assist in the safe return of a missing member of the Armed Forces, consistent with applicable State and federal requirements.

Section 15. Activation of the Green Alert Program.

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1 (a) If an investigating law enforcement agency receives 2 notice that an individual is a missing member of the Armed 3 Forces, the agency shall solicit information from the family 4 or legal guardian of the missing member of the Armed Forces to 5 provide information regarding the physical or mental condition 6 of the missing member of the Armed Forces.

If the investigating law enforcement agency verifies that 7 8 the individual is a missing member of the Armed Forces, the 9 investigating law enforcement agency shall enter the 10 descriptive information of the missing member of the armed 11 forces into the Illinois State Police and the National Crime 12 Information Center system.

13 The investigating law enforcement agency shall notify the 14 Illinois State Police of the missing member of the armed 15 forces. The Illinois State Police shall make all the necessary 16 notifications and assist the investigating law enforcement 17 agency.

(b) If an investigating law enforcement agency verifies that an individual is a missing member of the Armed Forces, the investigating law enforcement agency shall send an alert to designated media outlets for this State.

The alert must include all appropriate information that may assist in the safe return of the missing member of the Armed Forces, along with a statement instructing anyone with information relating to the missing member of the Armed Forces to contact the investigating law enforcement agency or another

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1 law enforcement agency.

If an investigating law enforcement agency verifies that an individual is a missing member of the Armed Forces, the investigating law enforcement agency shall contact the Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation shall display on its variable message signs appropriate information that may assist in the safe return of the missing member of the Armed Forces.

9 Section 20. Cancellation of a Green Alert.

10 (a) The investigating law enforcement agency shall notify 11 the designated media outlets when a Green Alert has been 12 cancelled.

(b) A law enforcement agency that locates a missing member of the Armed Forces who is the subject of a Green Alert shall notify the Illinois State Police and the National Crime Information Center as soon as possible that the missing member of the Armed Forces has been located.

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