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P.L. 2007, CHAPTER 146, *approved August 21, 2007*  
Assembly, No. 420

1 AN ACT concerning missing persons and supplementing chapter  
2 17B of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 *of New Jersey:*

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14 (2) juveniles, as defined in section 3 of P.L.1982, c.77  
15 (C.2A:4A-22).

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17 support and child welfare groups in developing these guidelines.

18 c. All State or local law enforcement entities shall adhere to the  
19 guidelines established pursuant to this section.

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**ASSEMBLY, No. 420**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**212th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2006 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman FRANCIS L. BODINE**

**District 8 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman LARRY CHATZIDAKIS**

**District 8 (Burlington)**

**Assemblyman LOUIS M. MANZO**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Steele**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs State Police to establish standards for handling missing persons cases involving persons with Alzheimer's disease and juveniles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/19/2007)**

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30 18 years. The bill would require the Missing Persons Unit to  
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32 developing the guidelines, which would be binding on all State or  
33 local law enforcement entities. There are currently no mandatory,  
34 statewide minimum standards for the handling of missing persons  
35 cases involving persons with Alzheimer's disease and juveniles.

36 According to State Police training materials, quick response to  
37 reports of a missing Alzheimer's sufferer are crucial. When an  
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40 almost half die due to hypothermia or dehydration.

# ASSEMBLY LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 420

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 18, 2007

The Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 420.

Assembly Bill No. 420 requires the Missing Persons Unit within the Division of State Police to develop uniform minimum guidelines concerning the handling of missing persons cases involving persons known to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease and persons under the age of 18 years.

The bill also requires the Missing Persons Unit to consult with Alzheimer's support and child welfare groups in developing the guidelines, which would be binding on all State or local law enforcement entities.

There are currently no mandatory, Statewide minimum standards for the handling of missing persons cases involving persons with Alzheimer's disease and juveniles.

According to State Police training materials, quick response to reports of a missing person suffering from Alzheimer's disease are crucial. When an Alzheimer's sufferer is found within 24 hours, there is a 99% probability that the person will survive. When found after 24 hours, almost half die due to hypothermia or dehydration.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2006-2007 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS'  
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 420**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 7, 2007

The Senate Law and Public Safety and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 420.

This bill requires the Missing Persons Unit within the Division of State Police to develop uniform minimum guidelines concerning the handling of missing persons cases involving persons known to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease and persons under the age of 18 years.

The bill also requires the Missing Persons Unit to consult with Alzheimer's support and child welfare groups in developing the guidelines, which would be binding on all State or local law enforcement entities.

There are currently no mandatory, Statewide minimum standards for the handling of missing persons cases involving persons with Alzheimer's disease and juveniles.

According to State Police training materials, quick response to reports of a missing person suffering from Alzheimer's disease are crucial. When an Alzheimer's sufferer is found within 24 hours, there is a 99% probability that the person will survive. When found after 24 hours, almost half die due to hypothermia or dehydration.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2518, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 420

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2007

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 420.

This bill requires the Missing Persons Unit within the Division of State Police to develop uniform minimum guidelines concerning the handling of missing persons cases involving persons known to be suffering from Alzheimer's disease and persons under the age of 18 years.

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#### FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified for a fiscal note.



# SENATE, No. 2518

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 212th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 2007

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PETER A. INVERSO**  
**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**  
**Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO**  
**District 25 (Morris)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Allen**

**SYNOPSIS**

Directs State Police to establish standards for handling missing persons cases involving persons with Alzheimer's disease and juveniles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/22/2007)**

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AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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