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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to amending the silver alert program to include missing persons with developmental disabilities.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions b and c of section 10-801 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

b. "Silver alert" shall mean the communication to the public by a city agency of identifying information concerning a vulnerable [senior] <u>person</u> who is reported missing to a law enforcement agency under circumstances indicating that the person is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death.

c. "Vulnerable [senior] <u>person</u>" shall mean a person who is sixty-five years of age or older with dementia, as a result of Alzheimer's disease or a similar condition, or a person of any age with a developmental <u>disability</u>.

§ 2. Section 10-802 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 10-802 Silver alert system. The administering agency shall establish a silver alert system, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter of the code, that will provide rapid notification to the public when a vulnerable [senior] <u>person</u> is reported missing under circumstances indicating that the person is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death.

§ 3. Subdivision c of section 10-803 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

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c. The administering agency shall issue a silver alert within twenty-four hours of the determination that a vulnerable [senior] <u>person</u> has been reported missing under circumstances indicating that the person is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death. The silver alert may be issued by any appropriate means, including, but not limited to, email notifications, text messages, telephone calls, television broadcasts or radio broadcasts. The silver alert may be issued at repeated intervals within the discretion of the administering agency until such missing person is found or until the administering agency determines that the issuance of a silver alert is no longer appropriate.

§ 4. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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