

**First Regular Session  
Sixty-sixth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**PREAMENDED**

*This Unofficial Version Includes Committee  
Amendments Not Yet Adopted on Second Reading*

LLS NO. 07-0308.01 Bart Miller

**HOUSE BILL 07-1064**

---

**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Mitchell V.,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Sandoval,**

---

**House Committees**

Local Government  
Appropriations

**Senate Committees**

---

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF TRACKING**  
102             **TECHNOLOGY BY COUNTIES TO LOCATE PEOPLE WHO BECOME**  
103             **LOST AS A RESULT OF A COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, AND MAKING**  
104             **AN APPROPRIATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

---

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

Makes legislative declarations relating to the number of people in the United States and Colorado who have medical conditions that cause them to wander and become lost and missing. Makes legislative findings with respect to the resources local law enforcement agencies currently

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

expend searching for individuals with such medical conditions who wander and become lost and missing. Acknowledges the existence of technology enabling the quick location of missing and lost individuals, and states that it would be beneficial to Colorado to establish a matching grant program to allow county law enforcement agencies to establish lifesaver programs, which are search and rescue programs in which a transmitter is worn on a participant's wrist so that the participant may be located electronically if necessary.

Encourages each county or combination of counties to implement a lifesaver program. Makes the executive director of the department of public safety the liaison to lifesaver programs and administrator of the state grant program. Sets forth parameters of the grant program and basic application requirements. Requires the executive director to prioritize grant awards.

Specifies that counties accepting grant moneys shall purchase transmitters and emergency response kits, including equipment necessary to track and triangulate searches, and provide training for search personnel. Requires counties to fund the costs of the management and operation of lifesaver programs after initial implementation. Sets a ceiling on the amount of state moneys that will be made available for grants to lifesaver programs.

---

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 24-33.5-102 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended, and the said 24-33.5-102 is further amended BY THE  
4 ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SUBSECTIONS, to read:

5 **24-33.5-102. Definitions.** As used in this article, unless the  
6 context otherwise requires:

7 (1) ~~"Department" means the department of public safety.~~  
8 "COUNTY" MEANS ANY COUNTY IN THIS STATE AND INCLUDES A CITY AND  
9 COUNTY.

10 (1.5) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

11 (4) "LIFESAVER PROGRAM" OR "PROGRAM" MEANS A SEARCH AND  
12 RESCUE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO QUICKLY FIND A WANDERING, LOST, AND  
13 MISSING PERSON, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-415.9 (2).

1           **SECTION 2.** Part 4 of article 33.5 of title 24, Colorado Revised  
2 Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to  
3 read:

4           **24-33.5-415.9. Local lifesaver programs - legislative**  
5 **declaration - administration - rules - grants to counties - program**  
6 **requirements - cash fund.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS,  
7 DETERMINES, AND DECLARES THAT:

8           (a) THERE ARE CURRENTLY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE UNITED  
9 STATES WITH MEDICAL CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE WANDERING, WITH MANY  
10 OF THESE INDIVIDUALS BECOMING LOST AND MISSING.

11           (b) IN COLORADO, THERE ARE CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO BE  
12 APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND PEOPLE WITH MEDICAL  
13 CONDITIONS, SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, AUTISM, DOWN SYNDROME,  
14 AND OTHER MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS, THAT CAUSE WANDERING.

15           (c) IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN COLORADO  
16 WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ALONE WILL INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY  
17 ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND BY 2025.

18           (d) LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CURRENTLY EXPEND  
19 SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES SEARCHING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MEDICAL  
20 CONDITIONS WHO WANDER AND BECOME LOST AND MISSING.

21           (e) TECHNOLOGY ENABLING THE QUICK LOCATION OF MISSING AND  
22 LOST INDIVIDUALS NOW EXISTS, AND THE USE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY  
23 WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO BY ALLOWING LOST  
24 AND MISSING INDIVIDUALS TO BE LOCATED QUICKLY AND SAFELY IN A  
25 MANNER THAT IS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO.

26           (f) ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE COUNTY  
27 SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS TO ESTABLISH LIFESAVER PROGRAMS PURSUANT

1 TO THIS SECTION WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO BY  
2 SAVING THE LIVES OF LOST AND MISSING PERSONS.

3 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENCOURAGES EACH COUNTY OR ANY  
4 COMBINATION OF COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT A LIFESAVER PROGRAM, UNDER  
5 WHICH A PARTICIPANT WEARS A SMALL TRANSMITTER ON HIS OR HER  
6 WRIST TO ALLOW THE COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS TO  
7 ELECTRONICALLY LOCATE THE PARTICIPANT IF NECESSARY USING A RADIO  
8 RECEIVER.

9 (3) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL SERVE AS THE LIAISON TO  
10 LIFESAVER PROGRAMS IN COUNTIES THAT CHOOSE TO IMPLEMENT THEM  
11 AND SHALL ADMINISTER THE STATE GRANT MONEYS AWARDED FOR THE  
12 PURPOSE OF STARTING THE PROGRAMS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY  
13 PROMULGATE SUCH RULES AS ARE NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION  
14 OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANNUAL DEADLINES FOR  
15 SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS, REPORTING OF SEARCH AND RESCUE  
16 STATISTICS USING TECHNOLOGY OBTAINED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND  
17 IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES FOR PROGRAMS. THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT  
18 THAT A COUNTY MAY RECEIVE FOR STARTUP IS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

19 (4) (a) IF A COUNTY INITIATES A LIFESAVER PROGRAM, IT MAY  
20 SUBMIT A WRITTEN APPLICATION IN A FORM SPECIFIED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
21 DIRECTOR. COUNTIES MAY SUBMIT APPLICATIONS JOINTLY. THE  
22 APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO:

23 (I) AN ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MIGHT QUALIFY  
24 FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE COUNTY;

25 (II) AN ESTIMATE OF THE STARTUP COST; AND

26 (III) A STATEMENT OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR  
27 TRACKING LOST INDIVIDUALS.

1           (b) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL PRIORITIZE THE GRANT  
2 AWARDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESPECTIVE NEEDS OF EACH COUNTY  
3 FOR TRACKING SERVICES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDING  
4 SOURCES, AS DOCUMENTED IN THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED PURSUANT  
5 TO PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4). AWARDS TO QUALIFYING  
6 COUNTIES SHALL BE PRORATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AVAILABILITY  
7 OF STATE GRANT FUNDS.

8           (5) (a) IF A COUNTY ACCEPTS A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE  
9 COUNTY SHALL USE SUCH GRANT MONEYS TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY  
10 RESPONSE KITS, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE EQUIPMENT NECESSARY TO TRACK  
11 AND TRIANGULATE SEARCHES, AS WELL AS TRANSMITTERS, AND SHALL  
12 PROVIDE SUCH TRAINING AS IS NECESSARY FOR SEARCH PERSONNEL.  
13 GRANT MONEYS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED FOR  
14 STARTUP CAPITAL EQUIPMENT COSTS AND INITIAL TRAINING OF SEARCH  
15 PERSONNEL AND INVENTORY INCLUDING TRANSMITTERS OR ANY OTHER  
16 RELATED EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING REQUIRED IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT  
17 THE PROGRAM. COUNTIES ACCEPTING GRANT MONEYS UNDER THIS  
18 SECTION SHALL MANAGE AND PROVIDE ONGOING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
19 LIFESAVER PROGRAMS ONCE IMPLEMENTED.

20           (b) FOR ALL COUNTIES ESTABLISHING A LIFESAVER PROGRAM  
21 UNDER THIS SECTION, THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION COLORADO  
22 CHAPTER, OR ITS SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, SHALL PROVIDE FREE  
23 TRAINING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FAMILIES ABOUT THE DANGERS OF  
24 WANDERING AND OTHER POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS BEHAVIOR  
25 SECONDARY TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, AS WELL AS FOLLOW-UP WITH  
26 FAMILIES WHEN A WANDERING INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED. THE TRAINING  
27 SHALL DELINEATE THE COURSE OF THE DISEASE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR

1 PROBLEMATIC BEHAVIOR THAT EXISTS IN EACH STAGE, AND SHALL  
2 PROVIDE FAMILIES AND THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY WITH THE  
3 TOOLS FOR HANDLING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS WHEN THEY ARISE AND  
4 STRATEGIES FOR WARDING OFF BEHAVIOR BEFORE IT THREATENS THE LIFE  
5 AND SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE.

6 (6) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE  
7 LIFESAVER PROGRAM CASH FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE CASH FUND SHALL  
8 BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR  
9 THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS  
10 SECTION, INCLUDING GRANTS TO COUNTIES TO IMPLEMENT LIFESAVER  
11 PROGRAMS. ANY INTEREST EARNED ON THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN  
12 THE CASH FUND SHALL REMAIN IN THE CASH FUND AND SHALL NOT REVERT  
13 TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT THE END OF ANY FISCAL YEAR.  
14 IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE MAXIMUM  
15 AMOUNT OF STATE MONEYS MADE AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT LIFESAVER  
16 PROGRAMS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY  
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

18 **SECTION 3.** 25-36-101, Colorado Revised Statutes, as enacted  
19 by Senate Bill 07-097, enacted at the First Regular Session of the  
20 Sixty-sixth General Assembly, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A  
21 NEW SUBSECTION to read:

22 **25-36-101. Short-term grants for innovative health programs**  
23 **- grant fund - creation.** (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION  
24 OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE 2007-08 AND 2008-09 FISCAL YEARS, THE  
25 STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE  
26 THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND FOR THE 2009-10 FISCAL YEAR, THE STATE  
27 TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

1 FROM THE SHORT-TERM INNOVATIVE HEALTH PROGRAM GRANT FUND TO  
2 THE LIFESAVER PROGRAM CASH FUND CREATED IN SECTION 24-33.5-415.9  
3 (6), C.R.S., FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE COUNTY SHERIFFS'  
4 DEPARTMENTS TO ESTABLISH LIFESAVER PROGRAMS.

5 **SECTION 4. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
6 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
7 lifesaver program cash fund created in section 24-33.5-415.9, Colorado  
8 Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of public  
9 safety, for allocation to the executive director of the department of public  
10 safety, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, the sum of one hundred  
11 twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000), or so much thereof as may be  
12 necessary, for the implementation of this act.

13 **SECTION 5. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
14 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.