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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Policy and Oversight

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Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections

March 30, 2009

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a program to assist local law enforcement  
1.3 agencies to develop or expand lifesaver programs that locate lost or wandering  
1.4 persons who are mentally impaired; authorizing a voluntary advisory task force;  
1.5 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299C.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. **[299C.563] LIFESAVER PROGRAM.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Program assistance.** The commissioner of public safety shall  
1.9 assist local law enforcement agencies with the development and implementation of  
1.10 lifesaver rapid response programs designed to quickly find individuals with medical  
1.11 conditions that cause wandering and result in many of these individuals becoming lost  
1.12 and missing. The search and rescue program must electronically track a lost or missing  
1.13 vulnerable senior citizen or an individual who is mentally impaired due to autism, Down  
1.14 Syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, or other mental impairment that causes wandering. The  
1.15 lifesaver program participant wears a small transmitter on the wrist to allow the local  
1.16 law enforcement agency to electronically locate the participant, if necessary, using a  
1.17 radio receiver. The commissioner shall promote the lifesaver program throughout the  
1.18 state and serve as liaison to lifesaver programs developed and implemented by local  
1.19 law enforcement agencies.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Lifesaver advisory task force.** (a) The commissioner of public safety  
1.21 shall convene a voluntary lifesaver advisory task force to facilitate the development  
1.22 and implementation of lifesaver programs by local law enforcement agencies. The  
1.23 commissioner shall appoint at least five persons from various geographic areas of the state  
1.24 to the voluntary task force. The task force must be composed of at least one member  
1.25 experienced in an area of mental impairment, one member experienced in the area of law

2.1 enforcement, and one member experienced in the development of a lifesaver or similar  
2.2 program. Members serve without compensation at the pleasure of the commissioner.

2.3 (b) The voluntary task force expires June 30, 2013.

2.4 Subd. 3. **Report to legislature.** The commissioner shall report to the house of  
2.5 representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over public safety by January  
2.6 15, 2012, on the effectiveness of lifesaver programs developed and implemented by local  
2.7 law enforcement agencies.