

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 78

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A Resolution encouraging local governments to require certain training; encouraging the State Department of Health to require certain training; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Silver Alert Act has passed in House Bill No. 2030 from the 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Silver Alert Act establishes the silver alert system to be activated on behalf of missing senior citizens in Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, many senior citizens may go missing because of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia; and

WHEREAS, over 60,000 Oklahomans have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, many missing senior citizens with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia are recovered by local first responders; and

WHEREAS, local first responders should be prepared to care for senior citizens with Alzheimer's diseases and other forms of dementia when responding to a silver alert.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma Senate encourages local governments to adopt minimum training requirements for first responders that include at least one (1) hour of training in the care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

THAT the Oklahoma Senate encourages the State Department of Health to revise its minimum training requirements for emergency medical personnel to include at least one (1) hour of training in the care of individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League, the Executive Director of the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma, and the State Commissioner of Health.

Adopted by the Senate the 28th day of May, 2010.

Presiding Officer of the Senate