

1 HOUSE BILL 174

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO AMBER ALERTS; REQUIRING ALL CELLULAR SERVICE AND
12 PAGING SERVICE COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE STATE TO SEND TEXT
13 MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS OF AMBER ALERTS TO CUSTOMERS IN AFFECTED
14 AREAS.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. Section 63-9B-4.1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
18 Chapter 142, Section 2) is amended to read:

19 "63-9B-4.1. AMBER ALERT NOTIFICATION.--

20 A. Each cellular service company or paging service
21 company that is authorized to conduct business in New Mexico
22 and that offers text messaging services to its customers shall
23 file with the authorized requester, designated by the chief of
24 the New Mexico state police pursuant to the AMBER Alert Law,
25 the names and telephone numbers of representatives that will be

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1 available at all times for notification of an AMBER alert.

2 B. The authorized requester may designate one or
3 more services to accept notification of an AMBER alert and
4 deliver the notification to each cellular service company or
5 paging service company. Connections with the services shall be
6 made in the most technically efficient manner possible, using
7 standard network sharing protocol from authorized agencies or
8 their respective communication contractors.

9 C. Upon receipt of notification of an AMBER alert
10 by the requester, a representative of [~~a~~] every cellular
11 service company or paging service company [~~may~~] that provides
12 service in New Mexico shall, at no additional expense to a
13 customer, cause a text message to be sent to its customers
14 [~~that~~] who are in the geographic area where an alert has been
15 issued and who use a text messaging service, alerting them that
16 an AMBER alert has been [~~declared~~] issued and containing such
17 other information about the child and the abductor that may
18 reasonably lead to the expedient and successful end to the
19 abduction."

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2015.

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