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HOUSE BILL 1459
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Short Title: Study Missing Persons w/ Dementia.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME CONTROL AND PUBLIC
3 SAFETY TO STUDY THE PROCEDURES OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
4 AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WHEN PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA OR
5 OTHER COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS ARE REPORTED MISSING AND TO
6 RECOMMEND WAYS TO COORDINATE AND IMPROVE SEARCH EFFORTS
7 WHEN PERSONS WITH DEMENTIA OR OTHER COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENTS
8 ARE REPORTED MISSING.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall
11 study the procedures of local law enforcement and health care facilities when persons
12 with dementia or other cognitive impairments are reported missing. The Department of
13 Crime Control and Public Safety shall consult with the Department of Health and
14 Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services, in conducting the study. The
15 study shall examine the following:

- 16 (1) The coordination of search efforts among local and statewide agencies.
17 (2) The search methods utilized when persons with dementia or other
18 cognitive impairments are reported missing.

19 **SECTION 1.(b)** In response to the study authorized in this section, the
20 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety shall present findings and
21 recommendations, including any proposed statutory changes, to the North Carolina
22 Study Commission on Aging on or before March 1, 2008.

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.