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### HOUSE BILL NO. 2338

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A *BILL to create statutes relating to alerts for missing veterans who have a service-related health condition.*

Patrons—Wiley, Avoli, Fowler, LaRock and Marshall

Referred to Committee on Public Safety

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1.** *§ 1. The Department of Justice currently administers an integrated crime alert network and may use the network to provide to state agencies, law enforcement, or the public information regarding criminal activity, crime prevention, and missing or endangered persons. This bill requires DOJ to allow law enforcement agencies to use the network to disseminate to broadcasters and outdoor advertisers reports of missing veterans or members of the armed forces who are at risk due to a physical or mental health condition that is related to their service.*

*The department shall ensure that a law enforcement agency may access the network under par. (a) to disseminate a report under s) or to persons on the list maintained under sub. 1. of the statutes is amended to read:*

*The department shall provide a form for reports of missing adults at risk and missing veterans at risk under that law enforcement agencies can access through the integrated crime alert network.*

*The department shall train law enforcement officers on identifying reports of adults at risk .*

*The department shall work directly with persons on the list maintained under par and with government agencies, broadcasters, and public and private organizations with missions focused on adults or veterans at risk to develop criteria for law enforcement officers to use to identify reports of missing adults or veterans at risk that are appropriate to disseminate.*

*Reports of missing adults and veterans at risk and of hit-and-run incidents. of the statutes is created to read:*

*In this subsection, "veteran at risk" means a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, the national guard, or the military reserve forces of the United States who is known to have a physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.*

*If a law enforcement agency receives a report of a missing veteran at risk that is provided within 72 hours of the individual's disappearance, the law enforcement agency shall use the form under the integrated crime alert network to disseminate the report as soon as practically possible if there is reason to believe that the veteran at risk is missing due to his or her physical or mental health condition that is related to his or her service.*

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