

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1038

AN ACT

To direct the Attorney General to include a data field in the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System to indicate whether the last known location of a missing person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on Federal land, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Tracking and Report-
3 ing Absent Community-Members Everywhere Act” or the
4 “TRACE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

6 In this Act:

7 (1) **ATTORNEY GENERAL.**—The term “Attorney
8 General” means the Attorney General, acting
9 through the Director of the National Institute of
10 Justice.

11 (2) **FEDERAL LAND.**—The term “Federal land”
12 means land owned by the United States that is
13 under the administrative jurisdiction of—

14 (A) the Secretary of Agriculture;

15 (B) the Secretary of the Interior (except
16 land held in trust for the benefit of an Indian
17 Tribe); or

18 (C) the Secretary of Defense only with re-
19 spect to land and water resources projects ad-
20 ministered by the Corps of Engineers.

21 (3) **TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE UNITED**
22 **STATES.**—The term “territorial waters of the United
23 States” means all waters of the territorial sea of the
24 United States, 12 nautical miles wide, adjacent to
25 the coast of the United States and seaward of the

1 territorial baseline, as described in Presidential
2 Proclamation 5928 of December 27, 1988.

3 **SEC. 3. DATA FIELD IN THE NATIONAL MISSING AND UN-**
4 **IDENTIFIED PERSONS SYSTEM RELATED TO**
5 **FEDERAL LAND AND TERRITORIAL WATERS.**

6 The Attorney General shall include in the National
7 Missing and Unidentified Persons System a data field to
8 indicate whether the last known location of the missing
9 person was confirmed or was suspected to have been on
10 Federal land or in the territorial waters of the United
11 States, including any specific location details about the
12 unit of Federal land or the area of the territorial waters
13 of the United States that was the last known location of
14 the missing person.

15 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

16 Not later than January 15 of the second calendar
17 year that begins after the date of enactment of this Act,
18 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall submit
19 to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the
20 Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representa-
21 tives a report that contains, for the previous calendar year,
22 the number of cases in the National Missing and Unidenti-
23 fied Persons System for which the missing person's last
24 known location was confirmed or was suspected to have

- 1 been on Federal land or in the territorial waters of the
- 2 United States.

Passed the Senate September 2, 2025.

Attest:

Secretary.

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