

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2493**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fuller**

February 19, 2010

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An act to add Section 2352.2 to the Probate Code, relating to public guardians.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2493, as introduced, Fuller. Public guardian: identifying photograph of wards and conservatees.

Existing law establishes a county office of public guardian, sets forth the duties of that office, and sets forth the duties of a court-appointed guardian or conservator.

This bill would require that a public guardian ensure that a clear photograph of each ward or conservatee is available for the purposes of identifying the ward or conservatee in case the ward or conservatee is lost or missing, and requires the public guardian to provide the photograph and other identifying information to the relevant law enforcement agencies if the ward or conservatee is reported lost or missing. By requiring the public guardian to comply with these requirements, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2352.2 is added to the Probate Code, to  
2 read:  
3 2352.2. Every public guardian shall ensure that a clear  
4 photograph of each ward or conservatee is available for the  
5 purposes of identifying the ward or conservatee in case the ward  
6 or conservatee is lost or missing. Notwithstanding any other law  
7 to the contrary, including, but not limited to, Sections 4514 and  
8 5328 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the public guardian  
9 shall provide the photograph and other identifying information to  
10 relevant law enforcement agencies if the ward or conservatee is  
11 reported lost or missing.  
12 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
13 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
14 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
15 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
16 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.