

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to motorist safety; authorizing the
3 governing body of a county to create a yellow dot
4 critical motorist medical information program for
5 certain purposes; authorizing a county to solicit
6 sponsorships and enter into an interlocal agreement
7 with another county to solicit such sponsorships for
8 the medical information program; authorizing the
9 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and
10 the Department of Transportation to provide education
11 and training and publicize the program; requiring the
12 program to be free to participants; providing for
13 yellow dot program applications, decals, folders, and
14 participant information forms; providing procedures
15 for use of the decal, folder, and form; providing for
16 limited use of information on the forms by emergency
17 medical responders; requiring the governing body of a
18 participating county to adopt guidelines and
19 procedures to ensure that confidential information is
20 not made public; providing an effective date.

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22 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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24 Section 1. Yellow dot critical motorist medical
25 information program; yellow dot decal, folder, and information
26 form.—

27 (1) The governing body of a county may create a yellow dot
28 critical motorist medical information program to facilitate the
29 provision of emergency medical care to program participants by
30 emergency medical responders by making critical medical
31 information readily available to responders in the event of a
32 motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a
33 participant's vehicle.

34 (2) (a) The governing body of a county may solicit
35 sponsorships from business entities and not-for-profit
36 organizations to cover the costs of the program, including the
37 cost of decals and folders that must be provided free of charge
38 to participants. Two or more counties may enter into an
39 interlocal agreement to solicit such sponsorships.

40 (b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or
41 the Department of Transportation may provide education and
42 training to encourage emergency medical responders to
43 participate in the program and may take reasonable measures to
44 publicize the program.

45 (3) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may participate
46 in the program upon submission of an application and
47 documentation in the form and manner prescribed by the governing
48 body of the county.

49 (a) The application form must include a statement that the
50 information submitted will be disclosed only to authorized
51 personnel of law enforcement and public safety agencies,
52 emergency medical services agencies, and hospitals for the

53 purposes authorized in subsection (5).

54 (b) The application form must describe the confidential
55 nature of the medical information voluntarily provided by the
56 participant and must include a notice to the participant stating
57 that, by providing the medical information and signing the form,
58 he or she agrees to the disclosure of the medical information to
59 authorized personnel and their use of such information solely
60 for the purposes listed in subsection (5).

61 (c) The county may not charge a fee to participate in the
62 yellow dot program.

63 (4) A participant shall receive a yellow dot decal, a
64 yellow dot folder, and a form containing the personal and
65 medical information provided by the participant.

66 (a) The participant shall affix the decal onto the rear
67 window in the left lower corner of a motor vehicle or in a
68 clearly visible location on a motorcycle.

69 (b) A person who rides in a motor vehicle as a passenger
70 may also participate in the program but may not be issued a
71 decal if a decal has been issued to the owner or lessee of the
72 motor vehicle in which the person rides.

73 (c) The yellow dot folder, which shall be stored in the
74 glove compartment of the motor vehicle or in a compartment
75 attached to a motorcycle, shall contain a form with the
76 following information about the participant:

- 77 1. The participant's name.
78 2. The participant's photograph.

79 3. Emergency contact information for no more than two
80 persons.

81 4. The participant's medical information, including
82 medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, and current
83 medications.

84 5. The participant's hospital preference.

85 6. Contact information for no more than two physicians.

86 (5) (a) If the driver or a passenger of a motor vehicle is
87 involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and
88 a yellow dot decal is affixed to the vehicle, an emergency
89 medical responder at the scene may search the glove compartment
90 of the vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot folder.

91 (b) The use of the information contained in the yellow dot
92 folder by an emergency medical responder at the scene is limited
93 to the following purposes:

94 1. To positively identify the participant.

95 2. To ascertain whether the participant has a medical
96 condition that might impede communications between the
97 participant and the responder.

98 3. To access the medical information form.

99 4. To ensure that the participant's current medications
100 and preexisting medical conditions are considered when emergency
101 medical treatment is administered for any injury to or condition
102 of the participant.

103 (6) The governing body of a participating county shall
104 adopt guidelines and procedures to prevent the public disclosure

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105 | of confidential information through the program.

106 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.