

SENATE BILL 890

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CF HB 230

By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Department of State Police – Yellow Dot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Yellow Dot Program in the Department of State
4 Police in order to provide a means to alert emergency responders to
5 health-related information in the event a Program participant is involved in a
6 vehicle emergency and is unable to communicate; providing that a Program
7 participant, by affixing a yellow dot decal to a vehicle, consents to a certain
8 search of the vehicle's glove compartment or glove box by emergency responders
9 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to design and make
10 available certain materials necessary to implement and administer the
11 Program; requiring the Department to publicize the Program and distribute
12 Program materials in cooperation with the Motor Vehicle Administration; and
13 generally relating to the Yellow Dot Program.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Public Safety

16 Section 2-901 through 2-903 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 9. Yellow
17 Dot Program”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2003 Volume and 2011 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Public Safety**

23 **SUBTITLE 9. YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**

24 **2-901.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**

2 **2-902.**

3 **(A) THERE IS A YELLOW DOT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

4 **(B) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A MEANS TO**
5 **ALERT EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO IMPORTANT HEALTH AND OTHER**
6 **INFORMATION IN THE EVENT A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT IS INVOLVED IN A**
7 **MOTOR VEHICLE EMERGENCY AND IS UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE.**

8 **(2) BY AFFIXING A YELLOW DOT PROGRAM WINDOW DECAL ON A**
9 **MOTOR VEHICLE, A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT CONSENTS TO A SEARCH, BY**
10 **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN**
11 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, OF THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT OR GLOVE**
12 **BOX OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FOR A YELLOW DOT PROGRAM ENVELOPE**
13 **CONTAINING IMPORTANT HEALTH AND OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE**
14 **PARTICIPANT.**

15 **2-903.**

16 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGN AND MAKE AVAILABLE ALL**
17 **MATERIALS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM,**
18 **INCLUDING:**

19 **(1) A YELLOW DOT PROGRAM WINDOW DECAL TO ALERT**
20 **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO A VEHICLE OCCUPANT’S PARTICIPATION IN THE**
21 **PROGRAM;**

22 **(2) INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPER PLACEMENT OF THE**
23 **DECAL;**

24 **(3) HEALTH INFORMATION FORMS CONTAINING:**

25 **(I) THE PARTICIPANT’S NAME;**

26 **(II) A PHOTO OF THE PARTICIPANT;**

27 **(III) EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION; AND**

28 **(IV) THE PARTICIPANT’S MEDICAL CONDITIONS, RECENT**
29 **SURGERIES, ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS BEING USED, AND RELEVANT**
30 **INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPANT’S PERSONAL PHYSICIAN; AND**

1 **(4) READILY IDENTIFIABLE PROGRAM ENVELOPES FOR**
2 **COMPLETED HEALTH INFORMATION FORMS TO BE STORED IN THE GLOVE**
3 **COMPARTMENT OR GLOVE BOX OF THE VEHICLE IN WHICH A PARTICIPANT**
4 **TRAVELS.**

5 **(B) IN COOPERATION WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION,**
6 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM AND DISTRIBUTE**
7 **PROGRAM MATERIALS.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2012.