

By the Committee on Community Affairs; and Senator Abruzzo

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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 information  
25 program; yellow dot decal, folder, and information form.-

26 (1) The governing body of a county may create a yellow dot  
27 critical motorist medical information program to facilitate the  
28 provision of emergency medical care to program participants by  
29 emergency medical responders by making critical medical

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30 information readily available to responders in the event of a  
31 motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a  
32 participant's vehicle.

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

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

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

48 (a) The application form must include a statement that the  
49 information submitted will be disclosed only to authorized  
50 personnel of law enforcement and public safety agencies,  
51 emergency medical services agencies, and hospitals for the  
52 purposes authorized in subsection (5).

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

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59 for the purposes listed in subsection (5).

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

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

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

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

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

76 1. The participant's name.

77 2. The participant's photograph.

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

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

83 5. The participant's hospital preference.

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

85 (5) (a) If the driver or a passenger of a motor vehicle is  
86 involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and  
87 a yellow dot decal is affixed to the vehicle, an emergency

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88 medical responder at the scene may search the glove compartment  
89 of the vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot folder.

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

93 1. To positively identify the participant.

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

97 3. To access the medical information form.

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

102 (6) The governing body of a participating county shall  
103 adopt guidelines and procedures to prevent the public disclosure  
104 of confidential information through the program.

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