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Senator Tavares

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A BILL

To enact section 5502.59 of the Revised Code to 1
establish the "Yellow Dot" motor vehicle medical 2
information program within the Department of 3
Public Safety. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5502.59 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 5502.59. (A) There is hereby created the "yellow dot" 7
motor vehicle medical information program, which the department 8
of public safety shall administer. The purpose of the "yellow 9
dot" program is to assist owners and lessees of motor vehicles 10
who participate in the program, their passengers, and emergency 11
medical responders in the event of a motor vehicle accident or a 12
medical emergency involving a participant's vehicle. 13

(B) The department shall provide the owner or lessee of a 14
motor vehicle who participates in the program with a "yellow 15
dot" window decal and a "yellow dot" folder. The folder, which 16
is intended to be stored in the glove compartment of the motor 17
vehicle, shall contain an information form containing the 18

participant's name, a photo of the participant, emergency 19
contact information, the participant's medical conditions, 20
recent surgeries, allergies, medications being used, and 21
relevant information about the participant's personal physician. 22

(C) The participant shall affix the "yellow dot" window 23
decal on the operator's side of the vehicle's rear window in the 24
lower corner. The purpose of the decal is to alert emergency 25
medical responders to search the glove compartment of the 26
vehicle for the corresponding "yellow dot" folder. The purpose 27
of the information in the folder is to assist emergency medical 28
responders, in the event of an accident involving the motor 29
vehicle, in positively identifying the participant, 30
communicating with the participant's family or emergency 31
contacts, and ensuring that the person's current medications and 32
pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is 33
administered for any injury the participant suffers in the motor 34
vehicle accident. 35

(D) A person who rides in a motor vehicle as a passenger 36
also may participate in the program, but the department shall 37
not issue a decal if the owner or lessee of the motor vehicle in 38
which the person rides also participates in the program. 39

(E) The department shall not charge any fee to participate 40
in the "yellow dot" program and shall take reasonable measures 41
to publicize the program. The department may accept donations 42
and grants from any source to assist in paying the expenses the 43
department incurs in administering the program. 44

(F) The department shall adopt such rules governing the 45
"yellow dot" program as may be necessary to implement and 46
administer the program. 47