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House

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 1644 and 1645

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Section 42. Yellow dot critical motorist medical

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

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

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12	information readily available to responders in the event of a
13	motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a
14	participant's vehicle.
15	(2)(a) The governing body of a county may solicit
16	sponsorships from business entities and not-for-profit
17	organizations to cover the costs of the program, including the
18	cost of decals and folders that must be provided free of charge
19	to participants. Two or more counties may enter into an
20	interlocal agreement to solicit such sponsorships.
21	(b) The Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles or
22	the Department of Transportation may provide education and
23	training to encourage emergency medical responders to
24	participate in the program and may take reasonable measures to
25	publicize the program.
26	(3) Any owner or lessee of a motor vehicle may request to
27	participate in the program in the manner prescribed by the
28	governing body of the county. A participant shall receive a
29	yellow dot decal, a yellow dot folder, and a form on which the
30	participant shall provide his or her personal and medical
31	information.
32	(a) The form must include a statement that the information
33	provided will be disclosed only to authorized personnel of law
34	enforcement and public safety agencies, emergency medical
35	services agencies, and hospitals for the purposes authorized in
36	subsection (5).
37	(b) The form must describe the confidential nature of the
38	medical information voluntarily provided by the participant and
39	must include a notice to the participant stating that, by
40	providing the medical information and signing the form, he or

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41	she agrees to the disclosure of the medical information to
42	authorized personnel and their use of such information solely
43	for the purposes listed in subsection (5).
44	(c) The county may not charge a fee to participate in the
45	yellow dot program.
46	(4)(a) The participant shall affix the decal onto the rear
47	window in the left lower corner of a motor vehicle or in a
48	clearly visible location on a motorcycle.
49	(b) A person who rides in a motor vehicle as a passenger
50	may also participate in the program but may not be issued a
51	decal if a decal has been issued to the owner or lessee of the
52	motor vehicle in which the person rides.
53	(c) The yellow dot folder, which shall be stored in the
54	glove compartment of the motor vehicle or in a compartment
55	attached to a motorcycle, shall contain a form with the
56	following information about the participant:
57	1. The participant's name.
58	2. The participant's photograph.
59	3. Emergency contact information for no more than two
60	persons.
61	4. The participant's medical information, including medical
62	conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, and current
63	medications.
64	5. The participant's hospital preference.
65	6. Contact information for no more than two physicians.
66	(5)(a) If the driver or a passenger of a motor vehicle is
67	involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and
68	a yellow dot decal is affixed to the vehicle, an emergency
69	medical responder at the scene may search the glove compartment

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70	of the vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot folder.
71	(b) The use of the information contained in the yellow dot
72	folder by an emergency medical responder at the scene is limited
73	to the following purposes:
74	1. To positively identify the participant.
75	2. To ascertain whether the participant has a medical
76	condition that might impede communications between the
77	participant and the responder.
78	3. To access the medical information form.
79	4. To ensure that the participant's current medications and
80	preexisting medical conditions are considered when emergency
81	medical treatment is administered for any injury to or condition
82	of the participant.
83	(6) The governing body of a participating county shall
84	adopt guidelines and procedures to prevent the public disclosure
85	of confidential information through the program.
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87	========== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =============
88	And the title is amended as follows:
89	Delete line 208
90	and insert:
91	plates; authorizing the governing body of a county to
92	create a yellow dot critical motorist medical
93	information program for certain purposes; authorizing
94	a county to solicit sponsorships and enter into an
95	interlocal agreement with another county to solicit
96	such sponsorships for the medical information program;
97	authorizing the Department of Highway Safety and Motor
98	Vehicles and the Department of Transportation to

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99 provide education and training and publicize the 100 program; requiring the program to be free to participants; providing for yellow dot program decals, 101 102 folders, and participant information forms; providing 103 procedures for use of the decal, folder, and form; 104 providing for limited use of information on the forms 105 by emergency medical responders; requiring the 106 governing body of a participating county to adopt guidelines and procedures to ensure that confidential 107 108 information is not made public; providing an effective 109 date.