



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Public Safety to administer a "yellow dot" motor vehicle medical information program, which is voluntary and free for participants.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill creates a "yellow dot" motor vehicle medical information program and requires the Department of Public Safety to administer the program. The stated purpose of the program is to provide medical information from participating motor vehicle owners and lessees and their passengers to emergency medical responders in the event of a motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a participant's vehicle.

A motor vehicle owner or lessee who participates in the program receives a "yellow dot" window decal and a "yellow dot" folder. The folder, which is intended to be stored in the glove compartment of the motor vehicle, contains an information form with the participant's name, photo, emergency contact information, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies, medications being used, and relevant information about the participant's personal physician. The "yellow dot" window decal is placed on the operator's side of the vehicle's rear window in the lower corner and serves to alert emergency medical responders to search the glove compartment of the vehicle for the corresponding "yellow dot" folder. The information in the folder may assist emergency medical responders in positively identifying the participant, communicating with the participant's family or emergency contacts, and ensuring that the person's current medications and pre-existing medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for any injury the participant suffers in the motor vehicle accident. A motor vehicle passenger also may participate in the program, but a vehicle will not have a decal unless the vehicle owner or lessee also participates in the program.

The bill prohibits the Department of Public Safety from charging any fee to participate in the "yellow dot" program and requires the Department to take reasonable measures to publicize the program. The bill allows the Department to accept donations and grants from any source to assist in paying its expenses in administering the program. The Department is required to adopt rules governing the "yellow dot" program as necessary to implement and administer the program.¹

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¹ R.C. 5502.59.

