

SENATE BILL 222

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By: **Senator Raskin**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Yellow Dot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Yellow Dot Program in the Motor Vehicle
4 Administration 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 Administration to design and make
10 available certain materials necessary to implement and administer the
11 Program; authorizing the Administration to charge a Program participant a
12 certain fee; requiring the Administration to publicize the Program and
13 distribute Program materials in cooperation with certain departments and
14 certain fire and rescue companies; and generally relating to the Yellow Dot
15 Program.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 12-501 through 12-503 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5. Yellow
19 Dot Program”
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 **SUBTITLE 5. YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **12-501.**

2 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**

3 **12-502.**

4 **(A) THERE IS A YELLOW DOT PROGRAM IN THE ADMINISTRATION.**

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

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

16 **12-503.**

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

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

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

25 **(3) HEALTH INFORMATION FORMS CONTAINING A SPACE FOR:**

26 **(I) THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME;**

27 **(II) A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE PARTICIPANT;**

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

1 **(IV) INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANT'S**
2 **MEDICAL CONDITIONS, RECENT SURGERIES, ALLERGIES, MEDICATIONS BEING**
3 **USED, AND RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARTICIPANT'S PERSONAL**
4 **PHYSICIAN; AND**

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

9 **(B) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY CHARGE A PARTICIPANT A REASONABLE**
10 **FEE IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF PARTICIPATION IN**
11 **THE PROGRAM.**

12 **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM AND**
13 **DISTRIBUTE PROGRAM MATERIALS IN COOPERATION WITH:**

14 **(1) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE;**

15 **(2) COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND**

16 **(3) VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANIES IN THE STATE.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2013.