HOUSE BILL 1038

State of Washington57th Legislature2001 Regular SessionBy Representatives Pennington, Ogden, Talcott and PflugRead first time 01/11/2001.Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 AN ACT Relating to the voluntary listing of emergency contact 2 information on drivers' licenses; adding a new section to chapter 3 46.20 RCW; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. The legislature finds that enabling the 6 citizens of Washington to have loved ones contacted by emergency 7 services personnel in the case of an accident is a matter of the 8 highest public good. The legislature therefore enacts this act to 9 assist emergency services personnel in contacting the loved ones 10 of Washington citizens who have been involved in accidents.

11 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 46.20 12 RCW to read as follows: 13 The department of licensing shall provide a line on the back 14 side of each driver's license labeled "emergency contact 15 information," with sufficient space for a licensee to fill in a 16 name and telephone number. The department shall notify the 17 recipients of drivers' licenses either orally or in writing at the 1 time of the issuance of the license of the existence of the line 2 and shall notify the recipients that the purpose of the line is to 3 allow licensees to fill in the name and telephone number of a 4 person that the recipient would like contacted in the case of an 5 emergency.

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