

HB 2280 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Transportation

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that it
4 is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage safe use of the
5 roads by all citizens. In furtherance of this policy and in order to
6 reduce problematic encounters and interactions between motorists and
7 emergency medical responders and law enforcement personnel, the
8 legislature further finds and declares that the department of licensing
9 shall initiate a voluntary program in which interested individuals may
10 obtain from the department a yellow dot window decal for placement on
11 their motor vehicle and a yellow dot folder for placement in the glove
12 compartment of the motor vehicle.

13 The purpose of the yellow dot program is to assist owners and
14 lessees of motor vehicles who participate in the program and their
15 passengers, emergency medical responders, and law enforcement personnel
16 in the event of a motor vehicle accident, a medical emergency, or any
17 other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
18 enforcement personnel.

19 A participant should affix the yellow dot window decal on the
20 operator's side of the motor vehicle's rear window in the lower corner.
21 The purpose of the decal is to alert emergency medical responders or
22 law enforcement personnel and notify them to search the glove
23 compartment of the motor vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot
24 folder. The folder, which is intended to be stored in the glove
25 compartment of the motor vehicle, should contain an information form
26 with the participant's name, a photo of the participant, emergency
27 contact information, the participant's medical conditions, recent
28 surgeries, allergies, medications being used, and relevant information
29 about the participant's personal physician. The folder should be

1 updated when necessary to ensure that current information is provided,
2 and the date of the last update should be clearly indicated on the
3 folder.

4 The purposes of the information in the folder are to assist
5 emergency medical responders and law enforcement personnel: In the
6 event of an accident involving the motor vehicle, a medical emergency,
7 or any other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
8 enforcement personnel; in positively identifying the participant,
9 communicating with the participant's family or emergency contacts, and
10 ensuring that the participant's current medications and preexisting
11 medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for
12 any injury the participant suffers in a motor vehicle accident; when
13 treatment is administered for any other medical emergency; or when any
14 other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
15 enforcement personnel occurs.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) The director shall implement a voluntary yellow dot program to
19 provide the public the option of obtaining a yellow dot window decal
20 and a yellow dot folder, which meets the requirements of the yellow dot
21 program. The department may contract with a private entity to operate
22 the voluntary yellow dot program and provide the decal and folder.

23 (2) The department may charge a fee sufficient to cover the costs
24 associated with the yellow dot program.

25 (3) Participation in the yellow dot program does not create any new
26 or distinct obligation for emergency medical responders or law
27 enforcement personnel to determine if there is a yellow dot folder in
28 the motor vehicle or use the information contained in the yellow dot
29 folder.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2013."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "vehicles;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
3 46.16A RCW; creating a new section; and providing an effective date."

EFFECT: Authorizes DOL to contract with a private entity to operate the yellow dot program and provide the yellow dot decal and folder. Changes the language regarding DOL charging a fee from mandatory to permissive.

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