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To enact section 4501.81 of the Revised Code to	1
establish a next of kin database within the Bureau	2
of Motor Vehicles.	3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 4501.81 of the Revised Code be	4
enacted to read as follows:	5
Sec. 4501.81. (A) The bureau of motor vehicles shall	6
establish a database of the next of kin of persons who are issued	7
motor vehicle certificates of registration and driver's licenses,	8
commercial driver's licenses, temporary instruction permits, and	9
identification cards. Information in the database shall be	10
accessible only to employees of the bureau, deputy registrars, and	11
law enforcement officers employed by a law enforcement agency.	12
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(B) When a person applies for a motor vehicle certificate of	14
registration, driver's license, commercial driver's license,	15
temporary instruction permit, or identification card, the	16
applicant shall be afforded the opportunity to list the name,	17
address, telephone number, and relationship to the applicant of at	18

least one contact person whom the applicant wishes to be contacted   19

by a law enforcement officer if the applicant is involved in a   20

motor vehicle accident or emergency situation and the applicant is   21

killed or is seriously injured or rendered unconscious and is   22

unable to communicate with the contact person. The contact person   23

may or may not be a next of kin of the applicant.   24

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    (C) The bureau, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the   26

Revised Code, shall adopt rules to implement this section. At a   27

minimum, the rules shall address all of the following: 28

    (1) The methods whereby a person who has submitted the name   29

of a contact person for inclusion in the database may make changes   30

to that entry;   31

    (2) Whether or not the entries in the database are to be   32

included at any location and in any form on driver's licenses,   33

commercial driver's licenses, temporary instruction permits, or   34

identification cards. If database entries are placed on these   35

items, the entries shall be in a form so that they can be read   36

only by employees of the bureau, deputy registrars, and law   37

enforcement officers employed by a law enforcement agency.   38

    (3) Any other aspect of the database or its operation that   39

the registrar of motor vehicles determines is necessary in order   40

to implement this section.   41

    (D) In the event of a motor vehicle accident or emergency   42

situation in which a person is killed or is seriously injured or   43

rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with the contact   44

person specified in the database, a law enforcement officer shall   45

make a good faith effort to notify the contact person of the   46

situation, but neither the law enforcement officer nor the law   47

enforcement agency that employs that law enforcement officer   48

incurs any liability if the law enforcement officer is not able to   49

make contact with the contact person.   50

      Section 2. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules   51
establishing the next of kin database described in Section 1 of   52
this act, and the database shall be operational, not later than   53
ninety days after the effective date of this section.   54

      Section 3. This act shall be known as the "Money-Burge Act."   55