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A BILL

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  
driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, temporary 8  
instruction permits, and identification cards. Information in the 9  
database shall be accessible only to employees of the bureau and 10  
to criminal justice agencies and is not a public record for 11  
purposes of section 149.43 of the Revised Code. 12

(B) An individual holding a valid Ohio driver's license, 13  
commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, or 14  
identification card shall be afforded the opportunity to list the 15  
name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the 16  
individual of at least one contact person whom the individual 17

wishes to be contacted if the individual is involved in a motor 18  
vehicle accident or emergency situation and the individual dies or 19  
is seriously injured or rendered unconscious and is unable to 20  
communicate with the contact person. The contact person may or may 21  
not be the next of kin of the applicant, except that if the 22  
applicant is under eighteen years of age and is not emancipated, 23  
the contact person shall include the parent, guardian, or 24  
custodian of the applicant. 25

(C) The bureau, in accordance with Chapter 119. of the 26  
Revised Code, shall adopt rules to implement this section. The 27  
rules shall address both 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) Any other aspect of the database or its operation that 32  
the registrar of motor vehicles determines is necessary in order 33  
to implement this section. 34

(D) In the event of a motor vehicle accident or emergency 35  
situation in which a person dies or is seriously injured or 36  
rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with the contact 37  
person specified in the database, an employee of a criminal 38  
justice agency shall make a good faith effort to notify the 39  
contact person of the situation, but neither the employee, nor the 40  
criminal justice agency that employs that employee, nor the bureau 41  
of motor vehicles incurs any liability if the employee is not able 42  
to make contact with the contact person. 43

**Section 2.** The Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall adopt rules 44  
establishing the next of kin database described in Section 1 of 45  
this act, and the database shall be operational, not later than 46  
one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section. 47

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

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