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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for issuance and content of  
3 driver's license; and providing for emergency contact  
4 database.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1510(d) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 1510. Issuance and content of driver's license.

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11 (d) Medical history record.--Any person may attach to the  
12 reverse side of his driver's license or identification card  
13 information relating to his personal medical history. In  
14 addition, any person may add medical information to the person's  
15 driving record via the department's emergency contact database  
16 established in section 1518.1 (relating to emergency contact  
17 database).

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2 Section 2. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 1518.1. Emergency contact database.

4 (a) Emergency contacts.--The department shall establish a  
5 database of emergency contacts of persons who are issued a  
6 driver's license, commercial driver's license, temporary  
7 instruction permit or identification card. Information in the  
8 database shall be accessible only to employees of the bureau and  
9 to criminal justice agencies and is not public record pursuant  
10 to Chapter 61 (relating to powers of department and local  
11 authorities).

12 (b) Information.--An individual holding a driver's license,  
13 commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit or  
14 identification card shall be afforded the opportunity to list  
15 the name, address, telephone number and relationship to the  
16 individual of at least one, but not to exceed three, contact  
17 persons whom the individual wishes to be contacted if the  
18 individual is involved in a motor vehicle accident or emergency  
19 situation and the individual dies, is seriously injured or is  
20 rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate with the  
21 contact person. The contact person may or may not be the next of  
22 kin of the applicant, except that if the applicant is under 18  
23 years of age and is not emancipated, the contact person shall  
24 include the parent, guardian or custodian of the applicant.

25 (c) Duties of department.--The department shall adopt rules  
26 to implement this section. The rules shall address both of the  
27 following:

28 (1) The methods whereby a person who has submitted the  
29 name of a contact person for inclusion in the database may  
30 make changes to that entry.

1           (2) Any other aspect of the database or its operation  
2           that the department determines necessary in order to  
3           implement this section.

4           (d) Notification.--In the event of a motor vehicle accident  
5           or emergency situation in which a person dies, is seriously  
6           injured or is rendered unconscious and is unable to communicate  
7           with the contact person specified in the database, an employee  
8           of a criminal justice agency shall make a good faith effort to  
9           notify the contact person of the situation, but the department,  
10           the employee or the criminal justice agency that employs that  
11           employee shall not incur any liability if the employee is not  
12           able to make contact with the contact person.

13           (e) Rules and regulations.--The department shall adopt rules  
14           and regulations establishing the emergency contact database and  
15           the database shall be operational not later than 180 days after  
16           the effective date of this section.

17           Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.