

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members and Legislative Assistants
FROM: Representative Eugene DePasquale
DATE: November 1, 2011
SUBJECT: Legislation Creating a *Next of Kin* Database

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation establishing a “Next of Kin” database that would allow emergency responders and law enforcement personnel to access emergency contact and/or medical information – as a result of an accident where the individual is unconscious or unable to communicate – by swiping their driver’s license or identification card.

It cannot be stressed enough how important it is to be prepared when tragedy strikes. Therefore, my proposal will allow individuals to voluntarily submit, via an online database, up to three emergency contacts and/or critical medical information that can be changed or removed at any time. Access to the information would be strictly limited to emergency responders and law enforcement responding to an accident. The information in the database is not public record.

Numerous states have already successfully established similar programs, including Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Ohio and South Carolina, and I believe Pennsylvania should join them.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory in my office at: 717-787-7514 or e-mail: cclory@pahouse.net.