

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 2280

As of February 20, 2012

Title: An act relating to establishing a yellow dot program for motor vehicles.

Brief Description: Establishing a yellow dot program for motor vehicles.

Sponsors: Representatives Moeller, Pettigrew, Blake, Clibborn, Armstrong, Goodman, Hasegawa, Fitzgibbon, Carlyle, Orcutt, Maxwell, Dickerson, Pollet, Tharinger and Pearson.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/10/12, 74-23.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/20/12.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Kim Johnson (786-7472)

Background: The Yellow Dot Program is designed to assist first responders in the event of an automobile crash or other medical emergency involving the participant's vehicle. A participant places a yellow dot decal on the vehicle's rear window on the driver side in the lower corner. The decal indicates to first responders that there is a yellow folder in the glove compartment of the vehicle that contains a participant's information which may include name, photo, medical conditions, and emergency contact information.

Several states, including Alabama, Connecticut, New York, and Alaska have Yellow Dot programs.

Summary of Bill: The Department of Licensing (DOL) must implement a voluntary yellow dot program.

DOL must charge a fee for the issuance of the yellow dot decal and folder. The fee must be sufficient to cover the cost of the program.

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

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Available.

[OFM requested ten-year cost projection pursuant to I-960.]

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.