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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a yellow dot program for motor
2 vehicles; adding a new section to chapter 46.16A RCW; creating a new
3 section; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares that it
6 is the policy of the state of Washington to encourage safe use of the
7 roads by all citizens. In furtherance of this policy and in order to
8 reduce problematic encounters and interactions between motorists and
9 emergency medical responders and law enforcement personnel, the
10 legislature further finds and declares that the department of licensing
11 shall initiate a voluntary program in which interested individuals may
12 obtain from the department a yellow dot window decal for placement on
13 their motor vehicle and a yellow dot folder for placement in the glove
14 compartment of the motor vehicle.

15 The purpose of the yellow dot program is to assist owners and
16 lessees of motor vehicles who participate in the program and their
17 passengers, emergency medical responders, and law enforcement personnel
18 in the event of a motor vehicle accident, a medical emergency, or any

1 other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
2 enforcement personnel.

3 A participant should affix the yellow dot window decal on the
4 operator's side of the motor vehicle's rear window in the lower corner.
5 The purpose of the decal is to alert emergency medical responders or
6 law enforcement personnel and notify them to search the glove
7 compartment of the motor vehicle for the corresponding yellow dot
8 folder. The folder, which is intended to be stored in the glove
9 compartment of the motor vehicle, should contain an information form
10 with the participant's name, a photo of the participant, emergency
11 contact information, the participant's medical conditions, recent
12 surgeries, allergies, medications being used, and relevant information
13 about the participant's personal physician. The folder should be
14 updated when necessary to ensure that current information is provided,
15 and the date of the last update should be clearly indicated on the
16 folder.

17 The purposes of the information in the folder are to assist
18 emergency medical responders and law enforcement personnel: In the
19 event of an accident involving the motor vehicle, a medical emergency,
20 or any other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
21 enforcement personnel; in positively identifying the participant,
22 communicating with the participant's family or emergency contacts, and
23 ensuring that the participant's current medications and preexisting
24 medical conditions are considered when treatment is administered for
25 any injury the participant suffers in a motor vehicle accident; when
26 treatment is administered for any other medical emergency; or when any
27 other interaction involving emergency medical responders or law
28 enforcement personnel occurs.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 46.16A RCW
30 to read as follows:

31 (1) The director shall implement a yellow dot program to provide a
32 yellow dot window decal, which meets the requirements of the yellow dot
33 program, and a yellow dot folder to any person who applies.

34 (2) A fee must be charged for the issuance of the yellow dot window
35 decal and yellow dot folder. The fee must be sufficient to cover the
36 costs associated with the program and is in addition to the regular

1 vehicle license fee and any other fees and taxes required to be paid
2 upon registration of the motor vehicle.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2013.

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