

1 AN ACT relating to operator's licenses.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 186.400 TO 186.640 IS CREATED  
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) The Transportation Cabinet shall establish and maintain an emergency contact*  
6 *information registry within the Kentucky Driver's License Information System*  
7 *which shall be capable of storing next of kin and other emergency contact*  
8 *information of individuals who are issued driver's licenses, commercial driver's*  
9 *licenses, temporary instruction permits, motorcycle operator's licenses and*  
10 *endorsements, and identification cards. Information in the registry shall be*  
11 *accessible only to employees of the Transportation Cabinet and to law*  
12 *enforcement officials and shall not be subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act,*  
13 *KRS 61.870 to 61.884.*

14 *(2) When an individual submits an application for an initial or renewal driver's*  
15 *license, commercial driver's license, temporary instruction permit, motorcycle*  
16 *operator's license or endorsement, or identification card, the individual shall be*  
17 *furnished with an emergency contact information form, prepared by the*  
18 *Transportation Cabinet, on which the individual may list the name, address,*  
19 *telephone number, and relationship to the individual of at least one (1) contact*  
20 *person whom the individual wishes to be contacted if the individual dies, is*  
21 *rendered unconscious, or is seriously injured and unable to communicate with*  
22 *the emergency contact person.*

23 *(3) The contact person may or may not be the next of kin of the applicant, except that*  
24 *if the applicant is under eighteen (18) years of age and is not emancipated, the*  
25 *contact person shall include the parent, guardian, or custodian of the applicant.*

26 *(4) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate regulations under*  
27 *KRS Chapter 13A to establish the rules to implement the emergency contact*

- 1 registry established under this section, including but not limited to:
- 2 (a) The contents of the emergency contact information form;
- 3 (b) Where the individual may submit the completed form; and
- 4 (c) How an individual who has submitted the name of a contact person for
- 5 inclusion in the database may revise or update the emergency contact
- 6 information.
- 7 (5) In the event of a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation in which an
- 8 individual dies, is rendered unconscious, or is seriously injured and unable to
- 9 communicate with the contact person specified in the database, law enforcement
- 10 personnel shall make a good-faith effort to notify the contact person of the
- 11 situation. However, the Transportation Cabinet, law enforcement personnel, and
- 12 law enforcement agencies shall not be held liable if unable to make contact with
- 13 the emergency contact person.