

1 AN ACT relating to an emergency contact information registry.

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 or other emergency contact*  
8 *information of persons to whom it issues identity documents. Information in the*  
9 *registry shall be accessible only to employees of the Transportation Cabinet and*  
10 *to law enforcement officials and shall not be subject to the Kentucky Open*  
11 *Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884.*

12 *(2) When an individual submits an application for an initial or renewal of an identity*  
13 *document, the individual shall be furnished with an emergency contact*  
14 *information form, prepared by the Transportation Cabinet, on which the*  
15 *individual may list the name, address, telephone number, and relationship to the*  
16 *individual of at least one (1) contact person whom the individual wishes to be*  
17 *contacted if the individual dies, is seriously injured, or is rendered unconscious*  
18 *and unable to communicate with his or her emergency contact person.*

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

22 *(4) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative*  
23 *regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to establish the rules to implement the*  
24 *emergency contact registry established under this section, including but not*  
25 *limited to:*

26 *(a) The contents of the emergency contact information form;*

27 *(b) Where the individual may submit the completed form; and*

- 1        (c) How a person who has submitted the name of a contact person for inclusion  
2                    in the database may revise or update the emergency contact information.
- 3        (5) In the event of a motor vehicle accident or emergency situation in which a person  
4                    dies, is seriously injured, or is rendered unconscious and unable to communicate  
5                    with the contact person specified in the database, law enforcement personnel  
6                    shall make a good-faith effort to notify the contact person of the situation.  
7                    However, the Transportation Cabinet, law enforcement personnel, and law  
8                    enforcement agencies shall not be held liable if they are unable to make contact  
9                    with the contact person.