

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.