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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MANCHIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Yellow Dot Program Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:
(1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation.

(2) **COORDINATOR.**—The term “Coordinator” means the national coordinator of the Yellow Dot Program, who has been designated by the Administrator pursuant to section 3(a)(2)(A).

(3) **PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.**—The term “program participant” means a person who has agreed to participate in the Yellow Dot Program.

(4) **YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**—The term “Yellow Dot Program” means the Yellow Dot Program established under section 3(a).

**SEC. 3. YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall establish a national Yellow Dot Program to assist law enforcement and emergency services personnel to efficiently gather relevant medical information in the event of a motor vehicle accident or other medical emergency involving motor vehicles.

(2) **COORDINATOR.**—

(A) **DESIGNATION.**—The Administrator shall designate an employee of the Department
of Transportation to serve as the national coordinator of the Yellow Dot Program.

(B) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Coordinator shall—

(i) provide information, training, and materials for the Yellow Dot Program to assist the State officials designated pursuant to paragraph (3)(B) in the implementation of the Yellow Dot Program;

(ii) compile national statistics on Yellow Dot Program participation rates, broken down by State and age; and

(iii) collaborate with States that have programs similar to the Yellow Dot Program to improve national consistency in training materials, participant forms and information, and subsequent data collection methods.

(3) STATE PARTICIPATION.—Each State that elects to participate in the Yellow Dot Program shall—

(A) notify the Coordinator of such election;

(B) designate a State official to oversee the Yellow Dot Program throughout the State; and
(C) comply with the requirements set forth in subsection (b).

(b) **State Responsibilities.**—Each participating State shall—

(1) work with local law enforcement and emergency services agencies to publicize the Yellow Dot Program throughout the State;

(2) distribute to program participants—

(A) for each motor vehicle in which the program participant anticipates regularly driving or riding, a yellow sticker and a yellow folder; and

(B) for each driver or passenger, a blank form with space to enter medical conditions of, prescriptions taken by, and other vital information of the program participant;

(3) instruct local law enforcement and emergency services personnel about the purposes and requirements of the Yellow Dot Program; and

(4) submit an annual report to the Coordinator that identifies the number of program participants in the State, broken down by age.

(e) **Program Participant Responsibilities.**—

Each program participant shall—
(1) place the sticker distributed pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A) in the bottom left corner of the rear window of each vehicle in which the program participant anticipates regularly driving or riding;

(2) place the completed form distributed pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B) in the folder distributed pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A); and

(3) place the folder with the relevant completed forms in the glove compartment of each vehicle in which the program participant anticipates regularly driving or riding.