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To establish a national Yellow Dot Program to alert law enforcement and emergency services personnel to the medical conditions, prescriptions, and other vital information necessary to treat drivers and passengers in motor vehicles in emergency circumstances.

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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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the National
3 Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the De-
4 partment of Transportation.

5 (2) COORDINATOR.—The term “Coordinator”
6 means the national coordinator of the Yellow Dot
7 Program, who has been designated by the Adminis-
8 trator pursuant to section 3(a)(2)(A).

9 (3) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.—The term “pro-
10 gram participant” means a person who has agreed
11 to participate in the Yellow Dot Program.

12 (4) YELLOW DOT PROGRAM.—The term “Yellow
13 Dot Program” means the Yellow Dot Program es-
14 tablished under section 3(a).

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

16 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-
18 tablish a national Yellow Dot Program to assist law
19 enforcement and emergency services personnel to ef-
20 ficiently gather relevant medical information in the
21 event of a motor vehicle accident or other medical
22 emergency involving motor vehicles.

23 (2) COORDINATOR.—

24 (A) DESIGNATION.—The Administrator
25 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

1 (C) comply with the requirements set forth
2 in subsection (b).

3 (b) STATE RESPONSIBILITIES.—Each participating
4 State shall—

5 (1) work with local law enforcement and emer-
6 gency services agencies to publicize the Yellow Dot
7 Program throughout the State;

8 (2) distribute to program participants—

9 (A) for each motor vehicle in which the
10 program participant anticipates regularly driv-
11 ing or riding, a yellow sticker and a yellow fold-
12 er; and

13 (B) for each driver or passenger, a blank
14 form with space to enter medical conditions of,
15 prescriptions taken by, and other vital informa-
16 tion of the program participant;

17 (3) instruct local law enforcement and emer-
18 gency services personnel about the purposes and re-
19 quirements of the Yellow Dot Program; and

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

23 (c) PROGRAM PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES.—
24 Each program participant shall—

- 1 (1) place the sticker distributed pursuant to
2 subsection (b)(2)(A) in the bottom left corner of the
3 rear window of each vehicle in which the program
4 participant anticipates regularly driving or riding;
- 5 (2) place the completed form distributed pursu-
6 ant to subsection (b)(2)(B) in the folder distributed
7 pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(A); and
- 8 (3) place the folder with the relevant completed
9 forms in the glove compartment of each vehicle in
10 which the program participant anticipates regularly
11 driving or riding.

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