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SENATE BILL DRS35042-MW-42

Short Title: DMV/Emergency Contact Information. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator J. Davis (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW A PERSON TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT
3 INFORMATION TO THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR USE BY LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT IN AN EMERGENCY.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-7 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(b6) Emergency Contact Information. –

8 (1) Each application form provided by the Division under subsection (b1) of this
9 section shall include the option for the applicant to provide emergency contact
10 information.

11 (2) The Division shall develop a system whereby emergency contact information
12 may be added and updated in person, online, or by mail.

13 (3) Emergency contact information shall not be considered a public record as that
14 term is defined in G.S. 132-1.

15 (4) The Division may not charge a fee for information provided, added, or
16 updated under this subsection.

17 (5) In the event of an emergency situation, the Division shall make emergency
18 contact information in customer records electronically available to a law
19 enforcement officer who in the exercise of the law enforcement officer's
20 official duties requires assistance in reaching an emergency contact.

21 (6) In the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct, the Division, its
22 employees, and law enforcement officers shall be immune from any civil or
23 criminal liability in connection with the maintenance and use of emergency
24 contact information voluntarily provided for use in an emergency situation."

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2020.



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