

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 176—ASSEMBLYMEN ARMSTRONG,
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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Establishes the Nevada Yellow Dot Program within
the Department of Motor Vehicles. (BDR 43-649)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to vehicles; establishing the Nevada Yellow Dot
Program within the Department of Motor Vehicles;
setting forth the requirements of the Program; requiring
the Director of the Department to establish a campaign to
raise public awareness of the Program; conferring
immunity from civil liability for damages for a first
responder under certain circumstances; and providing
other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill: (1) establishes the Nevada Yellow Dot Program to be
2 administered by the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles; (2) requires the
3 Director to disseminate information about the Program to the public and to public
4 safety agencies; (3) authorizes the Department to obtain grants or sponsorships for
5 the Program; and (4) provides that first responders are immune from civil liability
6 for damages as a result of any act or omission taken by the first responder relating
7 to a collision or other emergency in connection with the Program.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 481 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The Nevada Yellow Dot Program is hereby established within the Department for the purpose of improving traffic safety. The Director shall administer the Program.

2. The Program must:

(a) Be available to any person who wishes to participate in the Program by obtaining the materials described in paragraphs (b) and (c) at the main office or any branch office of the Department or by mail, upon request.

(b) Provide to a participant a distinctive round yellow decal to be placed on a specified location of a vehicle in which the participant is regularly a driver or passenger, to notify first responders that important medical information concerning an occupant of the vehicle may be found in the glove compartment of the vehicle if the occupant is involved in a collision or other emergency.

(c) Provide to a participant a brightly colored and distinctively marked envelope and information card to be completed by the participant and kept in the glove box of a vehicle upon which the decal described in paragraph (b) has been affixed. The information card must include, without limitation, spaces for the participant to include:

(1) The participant's name;

(2) A recent photograph of the participant;

(3) Emergency contact information;

(4) Any allergies or medical conditions of the participant;

(5) The name and contact information of the participant's physician and a preferred hospital, if any; and

(6) Information, if any, regarding the participant's health insurance.

3. In designing materials for the Program, the Director shall consider any materials used by similar programs in other states to ensure, to the extent practicable, uniformity with those materials.

4. The Director shall establish and carry out a public information campaign to raise public awareness of the Program. In carrying out that campaign, the Director shall disseminate information concerning the Program to public safety agencies in this State.

5. The Department may apply for and accept any gift, donation, bequest, grant or other source of money to carry out the



1 *Program, including, without limitation, any private or corporate*
2 *sponsorship for the Program.*

3 6. *A first responder is not liable for any civil damages as a*
4 *result of any act or omission taken by the first responder relating*
5 *to a collision or other emergency, not amounting to gross*
6 *negligence, including, without limitation, failure to observe a*
7 *decal, failure or inability to locate an information card, or reliance*
8 *on incomplete, incorrect or outdated information on an*
9 *information card.*

10 7. *The Director may adopt regulations to carry out the*
11 *provisions of this section.*

12 8. *As used in this section, "first responder" means any police,*
13 *fire or emergency medical personnel acting in the normal course*
14 *of duty.*

15 **Sec. 2.** NRS 481.083 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 481.083 1. ~~Money~~ *Except as otherwise provided in section*
17 *1 of this act, money* for the administration of the provisions of this
18 chapter must be provided by direct legislative appropriation from
19 the State Highway Fund or other legislative authorization upon the
20 presentation of budgets in the manner required by law.

21 2. All money provided for the support of the Department and
22 its various divisions must be paid out on claims approved by the
23 Director in the same manner as other claims against the State are
24 paid.

25 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective:

26 1. Upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any
27 regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative
28 tasks necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and

29 2. On January 1, 2016, for all other purposes.

