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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EMERGENCY CONTACT
9 INFORMATION SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EMERGENCY
14 CONTACT INFORMATION SYSTEM.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 16, is amended to add an
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 13

21 – Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System
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27-16-1301. Title.

24 This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas
25 Emergency Contact Information System Act”.
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27-16-1302. Purpose.

28 The purpose of this subchapter is to create the Arkansas Emergency
29 Contact Information System to assist law enforcement in notification of next
30 of kin or other designated emergency contact of an eligible participant in
31 times of emergency.
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27-16-1303. System development.

34 The Arkansas State Police in conjunction with other entities may
35 establish the Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System.
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27-16-1304. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter "emergency" means:

(1) An unforeseen circumstance in which:

(A) A victim sustains injuries that render him or her unable to independently communicate with emergency contacts;

(B) Contact information for next of kin or other designated emergency contact is not otherwise available; and

(C) Immediate communication with a next of kin or other designated emergency contact is necessary to support the provision of notification by law enforcement; and

(2) "Emergency" includes without limitation:

(A) A motor vehicle accident;

(B) An accident involving another mode of transportation;

(C) A natural disaster; or

(D) Being a victim of a criminal act.

27-16-1305. Use of the information.

(a) Information in the Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System shall be accessible only to law enforcement for emergency notification purposes or pursuant to a court order and shall not be used in a criminal investigation or for any other purpose.

(b) Law enforcement may share information contained in the system with other law enforcement officers on the scene as needed to conduct emergency notifications.

27-16-1306. Authority to promulgate rules.

The Department of Arkansas State Police is authorized to promulgate rules to implement and administer the purpose and intent of this subchapter.

27-16-1307. Implementation date.

Implementation of the Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System may begin after funding has been obtained.

27-16-1308. Voluntary participation.

(a) Participation in the Arkansas Emergency Contact Information System

1 is voluntary.

2 (b) A person who holds a valid Arkansas driver's license or
3 identification card is eligible to participate in the system.

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5 27-16-1309. Responsibility for accuracy of information

6 (a) Each participant has the exclusive responsibility for:

7 (1) Initiating, entering, modifying, and deleting emergency
8 contact records in the Arkansas Emergency Contact System; and

9 (2) The accuracy and completeness of all information submitted.

10 (b) Emergency contact records shall otherwise not be modified and
11 shall otherwise be deleted only when the driver's license or identification
12 record no longer exists in Arkansas.

13 (c) All requests to add, modify or delete a record in the emergency
14 system is confidential and shall be governed by § 12-12-211.

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