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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.  
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### Subtitle

11 TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS EMERGENCY  
12 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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2 27-16-1304. Definitions.

3 As used in this subchapter "emergency" means:

4 (1) An unforeseen circumstance in which:

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

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

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

12 (2) "Emergency" includes without limitation:

13 (A) A motor vehicle accident;

14 (B) An accident involving another mode of transportation;

15 (C) A natural disaster; or

16 (D) A criminal act.

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18 27-16-1305. Use of the information.

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

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

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27 27-16-1306. Authority to promulgate rules.

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

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31 27-16-1307. Implementation date.

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

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35 27-16-1308. Voluntary participation.

36 (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 not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
 15 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

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