

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Ashley

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 3, 2013

SUBJECT: Resolution of Support AB397

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 2013-103

BACKGROUND AB397, introduced by State Assembly Member Fox and coauthored by State Senator Price, creates the Motor Vehicle Emergency Contact Locator Act of 2013. This bill would provide accurate and timely next-of-kin information to law enforcement on the scene at critical events.

Contrary to popular belief, it currently takes anywhere from 6 hours, in state, to 2 days, out of state, for law enforcement to obtain contact information for next-of-kin notification. In the event of critical injury, hours may elapse before family members are notified. The victim enters an emergency health care system without the benefit of family members to advocate on their behalf or provide valuable information to enhance medical care.

AB397 would partner with the National Law Enforcement Vehicle Identification Number Emergency Contact Locator Database adopted in 2008, in conjunction with other states and law enforcement agencies, supporting a nationwide interoperable communications system to automate and streamline the process for on-scene law enforcement to access the emergency contact information.

AB397 would require a motor vehicle manufacturer of a new motor vehicle sold or leased in California on or after January 2, 2014 to provide a means by which a purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle can *voluntarily* designate, at the retail point of sale, an emergency contact to be stored in the national database in the event an accident victim is rendered unable to communicate.

I encourage the Board to adopt Resolution No. 2013-103 in support of AB397 which will be heard by the California State Assembly Transportation Committee on April 15, 2013.


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RESOLUTION NO 2013-103
RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TO ENDORSE AND SUPPORT
AB397 MOTOR VEHICLE EMERGENCY CONTACT LOCATOR ACT

WHEREAS, AB397, introduced by State Assembly Member Fox and coauthored by State Senator Price, would require a motor vehicle manufacturer of new motor vehicles sold or leased in California on or after January 2, 2014 to provide a means by which a purchaser or lessee of a new motor vehicle can voluntarily designate an emergency contact to be stored in the National Law Enforcement Vehicle Identification Number Emergency Contact Locator Database (VIN#ECON database); and

WHEREAS, AB397 would require that the emergency contact information be made available electronically only to authorized law enforcement to expeditiously notify the registered owner's emergency contact, if a vehicle occupant is rendered unable to communicate; and

WHEREAS, contrary to popular belief, law enforcement does not have immediate access to family contact information or next-of-kin data following a car crash involving individuals who are unconscious or unable to communicate; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 more than 3,000 people in California died as a result of car crashes and each year more than 241,873 are injured in crashes and collision with 4.9 percent suffering serious, life-altering injuries; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials adopted a policy resolution entitled "Federated VIN# Emergency Contact Registry Initiative with support from Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Fire Chief's, the National Association of State EMS Officials, the International Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials and the Governors Highway Safety Association;

WHEREAS, this policy encourages states and automotive manufacturers to collaborate and cooperate on the development and deployment of the VIN# ECON to improve post-crash care and survivability for crash victims;

1 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riverside County Board of
2 Supervisors does hereby support AB397 and recognizes the critical need to provide
3 emergency contact information to law enforcement if an occupant of a motor
4 vehicle involved in an accident rendered unconscious or otherwise able to
5 communicate.
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