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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(b6) Emergency Contact Information. –

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

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

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

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

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

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

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