

Next Of Kin Bill Expected To Be Signed

Governor Ted Strickland is expected to sign the bill that would set up a next of kin database using your drivers license.

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Governor Ted Strickland is expected to sign a bill next week that would establish a next of kin database at the Ohio Department of Motor Vehicles.

The idea for the bill came from Carmela Wiant who's son was killed in a car crash in August of 2006. Wiant says she was notified over the phone two hours after her son, 23-year-old David Money, passed away. "No one ever deserves to be told that way, and I didn't get to be with my son as quickly as possible, as I wanted to be," said Wiant.

Wiant worked with another mother who was notified hours after her son, Steve Burg, was killed in a crash. The bill is named the "Money-Burg Act " in honor of both men. It was a year ago Thursday when Wiant called Senator Keith Faber to talk with him about the idea for the bill. Wiant says David was a fun-loving son who loved baseball. If she would get tired or need inspiration for working on her son's bill she said she would just look at his picture. "It was like he would look at me and say 'Don't you dare give up mom, don't you dare.'"



David Money

Wiant says the State of Ohio will be the first to have this kind of law.

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