



THE LBD DIGEST

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Florida's "Protect Our Loved Ones" Act

The Florida Senate passed House Bill No. 1275 in 2023 allowing local law enforcement to develop and maintain a database of people in their community who have various disabilities ([link to Bill: https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billssummaries/2023/html/3044#:~:text=The%20bill%2C%20known%20as%20the,but%20not%20limited%20to%2C%20autism](https://www.flsenate.gov/Committees/billssummaries/2023/html/3044#:~:text=The%20bill%2C%20known%20as%20the,but%20not%20limited%20to%2C%20autism)). The Bill went into effect January 1, 2024. Any adult experiencing developmental, psychological or other disability that may impact their interaction with law enforcement can enroll. A legal guardian can also enroll their loved one in the registry. When enrolling, a certification of disability may be required in addition to a birth certificate and power of attorney documentation, if applicable. A letter from your licensed physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse could work as disability certification.

A look into the future: We previously shared the resources available to Sumter County residents where this type of registry is already available through Sumter County Sherriff Department's Safe Program. The application asks questions that would provide them with helpful information to hopefully improve interactions with registered persons. Each registered person would have a file with what they are sensitive to, how to calm them down, likes/dislikes and specific instructions or information that would be helpful in these interactions.

With the Bill now in effect, we hope to see more programs like this being implemented across the state. Our team at the Fixel Institute will continue to monitor developments in this space and will share any information through this newsletter.

Research
Corner

Visit this website if you are interested in participating in other research studies: <https://lbd.neurology.ufl.edu/participate-in-a-study/>

Upcoming LBDA Events

Introduction to Synuclein Biomarkers: How researchers are “seeing” Lewy bodies in the living brain

- February 29th from 4PM-530PM EST
- Dr. Kathleen Poston from Stanford University will describe synuclein biomarkers currently available
- Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GNPq5LL-Tz29GZyWtg2CPQ

Unpacking Parkinsonism: Understanding Movement Changes in LBD

- March 8th at 2PM EST
- Dr. Jori Fleisher from Rush University Medical Center will discuss motor symptoms and how to manage them
- Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q8Wx6VnYT6iUg6cFNRu0YQ#/registration



CONTACT US

To contact your UF Health Lewy Body Dementia Support Team call (352) 733-2419 or email us at DLB-support@neurology.ufl.edu.



Are you a caregiver in need of support?

Join our monthly Virtual Lewy Body Dementia Caregiver Support Group!

- Every 4th Friday of the month from 2-3PM
- Connect by telephone:
 - Call the toll-free number
 - +1 (646) 558-8656
 - Input Meeting ID: 540-200-2903
- Connect online:
 - <https://uflphi.zoom.us/j/5402002903>