

HOUSE BILL NO. 5494

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 236 (MCL 257.236), as amended by 1990 PA
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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 236. (1) ~~When~~ IF ownership of a vehicle passes by
2 operation of law, ~~the person acquiring the vehicle,~~ upon fur-
3 nishing satisfactory proof OF THAT OWNERSHIP to the secretary of
4 state, ~~of ownership,~~ THE PERSON ACQUIRING THE VEHICLE may pro-
5 cure a title to the vehicle regardless of whether a certificate
6 of title has ever been issued. Upon death of an owner of a reg-
7 istered vehicle, the license ~~plates~~ PLATE assigned to the vehi-
8 cle, unless the vehicle is destroyed, ~~shall be considered~~ IS a
9 valid registration until the end of the registration year or
10 until ~~the ownership of the vehicle is transferred by the~~

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House Bill No. 5494 as amended March 15, 2000

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1 ~~executor or administrator of the estate of the owner. In event~~
2 ~~of the death of an owner of 1 or more vehicles whose total value~~
3 ~~does not exceed \$60,000.00, who does not leave other property~~
4 ~~necessitating procuring of letters of administration or letters~~
5 ~~of authority as required in section 114 of the revised probate~~
6 ~~code, Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section~~
7 ~~700.114 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the surviving husband or~~
8 ~~wife, or heirs in the order named in section 115 of Act No. 642~~
9 ~~of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.115 of the Michigan~~
10 ~~Compiled Laws~~ THE PERSONAL [REPRESENTATIVE] OF THE OWNER'S ESTATE
11 TRANSFERS OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE.

12 (2) IF AN OWNER OF 1 OR MORE VEHICLES, WHICH VEHICLES DO NOT
13 HAVE A TOTAL VALUE OF MORE THAN \$60,000.00, DIES AND THE OWNER
14 DOES NOT LEAVE OTHER PROPERTY THAT REQUIRES ISSUANCE OF LETTERS
15 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3103 OF THE ESTATES AND PROTECTED INDIVID-
16 UALS CODE, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.3103, THE OWNER'S SURVIVING
17 SPOUSE, OR AN HEIR OF THE OWNER IN THE ORDER SPECIFIED IN SECTION
18 [2103] OF THE ESTATES AND PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS CODE, 1998 PA 386,
19 MCL [700.2103], may apply for a title, after furnishing the secre-
20 tary of state with proper proof of the death of the registered
21 owner, attaching to the proof a certification setting forth the
22 fact that the applicant is the surviving ~~husband or wife, or~~
23 ~~heirs, and upon~~ SPOUSE OR AN HEIR. UPON proper petition, the
24 secretary of state shall furnish the applicant with a certificate
25 of title.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April
27 1, 2000.

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