



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE TO A PERSON WHO IS DESIGNATED THE BENEFICIARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-16 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2010*):

4 (b) If a motor vehicle is owned by one owner who is a natural
5 person, such owner may designate, in writing in a space provided on
6 the certificate of registration for such motor vehicle, a beneficiary who
7 shall assume ownership of such motor vehicle after the death of the
8 owner and upon the making of an application pursuant to this
9 subsection. The owner making such designation shall have all rights of
10 ownership of such motor vehicle during the owner's life and the
11 beneficiary shall have no rights in such motor vehicle until such time
12 as the owner dies and an application is made pursuant to this
13 subsection. Not later than sixty days after the death of the owner, the
14 beneficiary may make application to the commissioner for the issuance
15 of (1) a certificate of title, [and] or (2) a certificate of title and a

16 certificate of registration for such motor vehicle in the beneficiary's
17 name. Such application shall be accompanied by: [(1)] (A) The original
18 certificate of registration in which the beneficiary is designated
19 pursuant to this subsection; [(2)] (B) a death certificate for the deceased
20 owner; [(3)] (C) such proof of the beneficiary's identity as the
21 commissioner may require; [(4)] (D) the transfer fee required by
22 subsection (c) of this section; and [(5)] (E) any applicable fees for
23 registration, title and number plates as required under this chapter and
24 chapter 247. If the beneficiary fails to make such application within the
25 time period specified in this subsection, the beneficiary shall have no
26 right to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle under this
27 subsection after the expiration of such time period. The right of the
28 beneficiary to obtain ownership of and title to such motor vehicle
29 under this subsection shall be subordinate to the rights of each
30 lienholder whose security interest in such motor vehicle is duly
31 recorded pursuant to chapter 247. The commissioner may adopt
32 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the
33 provisions of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	14-16(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the issuance of a certificate of title, without requiring the issuance of a certificate of registration, to a person who is the beneficiary of a motor vehicle and does not intend to operate such vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]