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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Reps. Hickner, Gubow and DeMars
Rep. Clack named co-sponsor

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4143

AN ACT to amend section 236 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of owners and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date," as amended by Act No. 398 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 257.236 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. Section 236 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended by Act No. 398 of the Public Acts of 1980, being section 257.236 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 236. When ownership of a vehicle passes by operation of law, the person acquiring the vehicle, upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the secretary of state of ownership, may procure a title to the vehicle regardless of whether a certificate of title has ever been issued. Upon death of an owner of a registered vehicle, the license plates assigned to the vehicle, unless the vehicle is destroyed, shall be considered a valid registration until the end of the registration year or until the ownership of the vehicle is transferred by the executor or administrator of the estate of the owner. In event of the death of an owner of 1 or more vehicles whose individual value does not exceed \$25,000.00, who does not leave other property necessitating procuring of letters of administration or letters of authority as required in section 114 of the revised probate code, Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.114 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the surviving husband or wife, or heirs in the order named in section 115 of Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.115 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, may apply for a title, after furnishing the secretary of state with proper proof of the death of the registered owner, attaching to the proof a certification setting forth the fact that the applicant is the surviving husband or wife, or heirs, and upon proper petition the secretary of state shall furnish the applicant with a certificate of title.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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Clerk of the House of Representatives.

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Secretary of the Senate.

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Governor.