

HOUSE BILL No. 4143

February 14, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Hickner, Gubow and DeMars
and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend section 236 of Act No. 300 of the Public
Acts of 1949, entitled as amended

"Michigan vehicle code,"

as amended by Act No. 398 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sec-
tion 257.236 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 236 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 398 of the Public Acts of 1980, being
3 section 257.236 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 236. When ownership of a vehicle passes by operation
6 of law, the person acquiring the vehicle, upon furnishing satis-
7 factory proof to the secretary of state of ownership, may procure
8 a title to the vehicle regardless of whether a certificate of
9 title has ever been issued. Upon death of an owner of a

1 registered vehicle, the license plates assigned to the vehicle,
2 unless the vehicle is destroyed, shall be considered a valid reg-
3 istration until the end of the registration year or until the
4 ownership of the vehicle is transferred by the executor or admin-
5 istrator of the estate of the owner. In event of the death of an
6 owner of 1 or more vehicles whose total value does not exceed
7 ~~\$10,000.00~~ \$25,000.00, who does not leave other property neces-
8 sitating procuring of letters of administration or letters of
9 authority as required in section 114 of THE REVISED PROBATE CODE,
10 Act No. 642 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.114 of
11 the Michigan Compiled Laws, the surviving husband or wife, or
12 heirs in the order named in section 115 of Act No. 642 of the
13 Public Acts of 1978, being section 700.115 of the Michigan
14 Compiled Laws, may apply for a title, after furnishing the secre-
15 tary of state with proper proof of the death of the registered
16 owner, attaching to the proof a certification setting forth the
17 fact that the applicant is the surviving husband or wife, or
18 heirs, and upon proper petition the secretary of state shall fur-
19 nish the applicant with a certificate of title.