

HOUSE BILL No. 6501

November 27, 2018, Introduced by Rep. Kesto and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending section 236 (MCL 257.236), as amended by 2000 PA 64.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 236. (1) If ownership of a vehicle passes by operation of
2 law, upon furnishing satisfactory proof of that ownership to the
3 secretary of state, the person acquiring the vehicle may procure a
4 title to the vehicle regardless of whether a certificate of title
5 has ever been issued. Upon death of an owner of a registered
6 vehicle, the license plate assigned to the vehicle, unless the
7 vehicle is destroyed, is a valid registration until the end of the
8 registration year or until the personal representative of the
9 owner's estate transfers ownership of the vehicle.

10 (2) If an owner of 1 or more vehicles, which vehicles do not
11 have a total value of more than ~~\$60,000.00~~, **\$100,000.00**, dies and

1 the owner does not leave other property that requires issuance of
2 letters as provided in section 3103 of the estates and protected
3 individuals code, 1998 PA 386, MCL 700.3103, the owner's surviving
4 spouse, or an heir of the owner in the order specified in section
5 2103 of the estates and protected individuals code, 1998 PA 386,
6 MCL 700.2103, may apply for a title, after furnishing the secretary
7 of state with proper proof of the death of the registered owner,
8 attaching to the proof a certification setting forth the fact that
9 the applicant is the surviving spouse or an heir. Upon proper
10 petition, the secretary of state shall furnish the applicant with a
11 certificate of title.

12 **(3) THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SHALL PUBLISH THE COST-OF-**
13 **LIVING ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT DESCRIBED**
14 **IN SUBSECTION (2) FOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR. THE SECRETARY OF STATE**
15 **SHALL MULTIPLY THE SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION**
16 **(2) BY THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FACTOR EACH CALENDAR YEAR.**

17 **(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT**
18 **FACTOR" MEANS A FRACTION, THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS THE UNITED**
19 **STATES CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR AND THE**
20 **DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE UNITED STATES CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR**
21 **CALENDAR YEAR 2017. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION, "UNITED STATES**
22 **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX" MEANS THE ANNUAL AVERAGE OF THE UNITED STATES**
23 **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS AS DEFINED AND**
24 **REPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR**
25 **STATISTICS, OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, AND AS CERTIFIED BY THE STATE**
26 **TREASURER.**

27 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days

1 after the date it is enacted into law.