

**SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Under Ohio law, a surviving spouse can take title to an unlimited number of passenger vehicles, boats, and motors that are titled to a deceased spouse. Total value of \$65,000.00 or less. Vehicles cannot be slated to be disposed of in a will. If there is an open lien on the vehicle, that lien will be carried forward onto the surviving spouse's title. Titles can be issued even if original title is not available.

Documentation needed:

- \*Title in deceased spouse's name (if available)
- \*Surviving Spouse Affidavit (available at Title Department)
- \*Death Certificate
- \*Mileage on vehicle
- \*Application for Title
- \*ID/Social Security Card

Vehicles that may be transferred under surviving spouse statute:

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| Passenger Vehicles | Pickup Trucks | Boats             |
| Motorcycles        | Motor Homes   | Watercraft Motors |

**WITH RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP (WROS)**

Title can only be in two individuals' names. They are considered co-owners. At the time one of the owners is deceased, the other owner can have the title put into just their name by presenting the title, death certificate, and their ID and Social Security Card.

**TRANSFER ON DEATH**

Allows a sole owner of a titled vehicle to designate a single or multiple beneficiaries to receive the vehicle upon the death of the owner. Does not change the ownership of the vehicle. Upon the death of the owner, the beneficiary(ies) will apply for a title in their name. Any liens that may exist on the sole owner's title will move to the new beneficiary's title.

Documentation needed to add TOD designation:

- \*Certificate of Title
- \*Application for Title
- \*TOD Affidavit (available at Title Dept)
- \*Beneficiary's Information (including Name, Address, Social Security Number, and Date of Birth)

Documentation needed to obtain beneficiary title:

- \*Certificate of Title
- \*Application for Title
- \*Mileage on vehicle
- \*Copy of the death certificate
- \*ID/Social Security Card