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Date: July 14, 2023

Bulletin: All Dealers and Title Service Agencies

From: Central Operations Vehicle Services Division

RE: Surviving Spouse transfers Revision

Effective immediately, the Motor Vehicle Administration is implementing Senate Bill 705 which is due to take effect October 1, 2023 which allows the title transfer of a solely owned Maryland titled vehicle to be transferred to the surviving spouse without charging the \$100 title fee.

What should be submitted:

1. The Application for Exemption from Estate Administration to Transfer a decedent's Vehicle (VR-481) or Letter of Administration if an estate has been established.
 - i. **Please note: The VR-481 only applies if the decedent owns no more than 2 vehicles, is the sole owner of the vehicles and the spouse is the only heir or legatee, and an estate has **not** been established.**
2. Proof of marriage or Death Certificate showing spousal relationship
3. If the MVA system is not flagged by the Department of Vital Statistics, a copy of the Death Certificate
4. Maryland Title
5. Application for certificate of title (VR-005) or back of the title completed
6. Lien Release (if applicable)
7. No inspection is required
8. Tags may be transferred for \$10, plus one year registration fee if tags are valid for less than one year

This transaction should be submitted via the e-services business portal and should NOT be processed on ERT.

For any questions, please contact the Vehicles Division, Brian Forde bforde@mdot.maryland.gov or Shanequa Richards-Marks srichardsmarks@mdot.maryland.gov