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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE
ON DEATH OF OWNER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,
Chapter 35, Section 30, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-10. DIVISION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE AND
EVIDENCE OF REGISTRATION--RELEASE OF LIEN--ODOMETER
STATEMENT--TRANSFER ON DEATH.--

A. The division, upon registration of a vehicle,
shall issue a certificate of title and evidence of
registration; an odometer statement may appear on one or both
of these documents.

B. The registration evidence shall be delivered to
the owner and shall contain upon its face the date issued,
the name and address of the owner, the registration number
assigned to the owner and such description of the vehicle
registered to the owner as determined by the director.

C. The certificate of title shall contain the
identical information required on the registration evidence
and in addition a statement of the owner's title and of all
liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle.

D. The certificate of title shall contain a space
for the release of any lien, space for assignment of title or

1 interest and warranty by the owner and space for notation of
2 liens and encumbrances upon the vehicle at the time of
3 transfer.

4 E. The certificate of title shall be delivered to
5 the owner in the event no lien or encumbrances appear
6 thereon, otherwise the certificate of title shall be
7 delivered to the person named to receive it in the
8 application for certificate.

9 F. Whenever the owner of a vehicle subject to
10 registration transfers that person's title or interest in the
11 vehicle to a nonresident who desires to title the vehicle in
12 the state of the nonresident's residence, the division upon
13 receiving application and the payment of the proper fee shall
14 issue a certificate of title only and record on the
15 certificate all liens and encumbrances.

16 G. The department shall provide a space on an
17 application for vehicle title and registration or on a
18 renewal-of-registration application to allow an applicant for
19 a certificate of title or an applicant for registration
20 renewal to register the vehicle title in beneficiary form
21 pursuant to Sections 45-6-301 through 45-6-311 NMSA 1978."

22 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
23 provisions of this act is July 1, 2017. _____