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2023 Wisconsin Act 43 [2023 Senate Bill 60]

Fees for Certain Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Transfers

Wisconsin law provides that when a motor vehicle is transferred to another person, the person to whom it is transferred must generally pay a \$157 fee for the certificate of title and a \$7.50 supplemental title fee to retitle the motor vehicle. Wisconsin law waives both of these fees when an application is made to transfer a decedent's interest in a motor vehicle to his or her surviving spouse or domestic partner.

2023 Wisconsin Act 43 expands the types of family members who are eligible for a fee waiver when retitling a motor vehicle to transfer a decedent's interest in the vehicle. The act provides that the certificate of title fee and supplemental title fee are waived when an application is made to transfer a decedent's interest in a motor vehicle to an immediate family member. For this purpose, "immediate family member" means a spouse, grandparent, parent, sibling, child, stepchild, stepparent, or grandchild, or the spouse of a grandparent, parent, sibling, child, stepchild, stepparent, or grandchild.

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For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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