AN ACT to amend 342.14 (3) of the statutes; relating to: the certificate of title for a vehicle that is transferred to a spouse upon the death of the owner.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation issues a certificate of title to a new owner of a vehicle after ownership of the vehicle is transferred. The new owner pays a $62 fee for a certificate of title after a transfer and a $7.50 supplemental title fee, except that a surviving spouse or domestic partner need not pay the supplemental title fee if the vehicle is being transferred upon the death of his or her spouse.

Under this bill, the fee for a certificate of title after a transfer is waived when a vehicle is transferred upon a person’s death to his or her spouse.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 342.14 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

342.14 (3) For a certificate of title after a transfer, $62, by the owner of the vehicle, except that this fee shall be waived with respect to an application for transfer of a decedent’s interest in a vehicle to his or her surviving spouse under ch. 770.
SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for a certificate of title received by the department of transportation on the effective date of this subsection.

(END)