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**LAWS OF:** 2022                    **CHAPTER:** 13

**NJSA:** 39:3-30.1b & 39:30.1c; Note to 3B:30-1  
(Authorizes transfer on death (TOD) of title to motor vehicle.)

**BILL NO:** S906                    (Substituted for A2847 (1R))

**SPONSOR(S)** Patrick J. Diegnan and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/27/2022

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Transportation and Independent Authorities  
**SENATE:** Transportation

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**    **ASSEMBLY:** 3/24/2022  
**SENATE:** 3/24/2022

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 5/9/2022

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

<b>FINAL TEXT OF BILL</b> (Second Reprint enacted)	Yes
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**S906**

<b>INTRODUCED BILL:</b> (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b> <b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes
<b>SENATE:</b>	Yes

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	No

**A2847 (1R)**

<b>INTRODUCED BILL:</b> (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b> <b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes
<b>SENATE:</b>	No

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<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	No

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**GOVERNOR'S PRESS RELEASE ON SIGNING:** Yes

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§§1,2  
C.39:3-30.1b and  
39:3-30.1c and  
Note to  
C.3B:30-1  
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Note

P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 13, *approved May 9, 2022*  
Senate, No. 906 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle ownership and supplementing  
2 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A motor vehicle may be titled in transfer on death  
8 (“TOD”) form by including in the certificate of <sup>1</sup>**【title】** ownership<sup>1</sup>  
9 a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor  
10 vehicle shall be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to  
11 die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer  
12 shall be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created  
13 before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD  
14 interest. A trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD <sup>1</sup>**【title】** certificate  
15 of ownership<sup>1</sup>.

16 b. A motor vehicle is titled in TOD form by designating in the  
17 certificate of <sup>1</sup>**【title】** ownership<sup>1</sup> the name of the sole owner, or the  
18 names of the owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in  
19 common, tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with right of  
20 survivorship, followed in substance by the words "transfer on death  
21 to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." The abbreviation "TOD"  
22 may be used instead of the words "transfer on death to."

23 c. The transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries shall have  
24 no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the  
25 last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A  
26 beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or  
27 all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship,  
28 without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, by filing an  
29 application for a subsequent certificate of <sup>1</sup>**【title】** ownership<sup>1</sup>.

30 d. Ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which  
31 an application for a subsequent certificate of <sup>1</sup>**【title】** ownership<sup>1</sup>  
32 has not been filed shall vest in the designated beneficiary or  
33 beneficiaries on the death of the owner or the last to die of all  
34 multiple owners with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is  
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate STR committee amendments adopted February 3, 2022.

<sup>2</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted March 10, 2022.

1 all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or  
2 the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then  
3 such interest in the motor vehicle belongs to the estate of the  
4 deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right  
5 of survivorship.

6 e. A certificate of <sup>1</sup>**[title]** ownership<sup>1</sup> in TOD form shall not be  
7 considered a testamentary disposition.

8 <sup>1</sup>f. A will shall not revoke or supersede a TOD beneficiary  
9 designation, regardless of when the will was made.<sup>1</sup>

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11 <sup>1</sup>2. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall publish  
12 appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or multiple  
13 owners, of a motor vehicle to add <sup>2</sup>, change, or remove<sup>2</sup> a transfer  
14 on death beneficiary or multiple transfer on death beneficiaries to a  
15 certificate of ownership pursuant to section 1 of P.L. \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 c. \_\_\_\_\_ (C. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The  
17 information and forms shall be available in all commission agency  
18 locations and online on the commission's Internet website.<sup>1</sup>

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20 <sup>1</sup>**[2.] 3.**<sup>1</sup> The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall  
21 adopt, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968,  
22 c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the  
23 provisions of this act.

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25 <sup>1</sup>**[3.] 4.**<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>**[on the first day of the fourth**  
26 **month following]** one year after<sup>1</sup> enactment.

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Authorizes transfer on death (TOD) of title to motor vehicle.

# SENATE, No. 906

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Senator JAMES W. HOLZAPFEL**

**District 10 (Ocean)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Corrado**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes transfer on death (TOD) of title to motor vehicle.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/3/2022)**

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle ownership and supplementing  
2 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. A motor vehicle may be titled in transfer on death  
8 ("TOD") form by including in the certificate of title a designation  
9 of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle shall be  
10 transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or  
11 more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer shall be  
12 subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before,  
13 simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A  
14 trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD title.

15 b. A motor vehicle is titled in TOD form by designating in the  
16 certificate of title the name of the sole owner, or the names of the  
17 owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in common, tenants  
18 by the entirety or joint tenants with right of survivorship, followed  
19 in substance by the words "transfer on death to (name of beneficiary  
20 or beneficiaries)." The abbreviation "TOD" may be used instead of  
21 the words "transfer on death to."

22 c. The transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries shall have  
23 no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the  
24 last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A  
25 beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or  
26 all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship,  
27 without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, by filing an  
28 application for a subsequent certificate of title.

29 d. Ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which  
30 an application for a subsequent certificate of title has not been filed  
31 shall vest in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries on the death  
32 of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of  
33 survivorship, subject to the rights of all lien holders. If no  
34 beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of all  
35 multiple owners with right of survivorship, then such interest in the  
36 motor vehicle belongs to the estate of the deceased owner or the last  
37 to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship.

38 e. A certificate of title in TOD form shall not be considered a  
39 testamentary disposition.

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41 2. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt,  
42 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
43 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the  
44 provisions of this act.

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46 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
47 following enactment.

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This bill would authorize titles to motor vehicles in the form of “transfer on death” (“TOD”). Transfer pursuant to a TOD would be independent of any probate of the decedent’s estate.

Under the bill, a motor vehicle could be titled in TOD form by including in the certificate of title a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle would be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer would be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A trust could be the beneficiary of a TOD title.

A motor vehicle would be titled in transfer on death form by designating in the certificate of title the name of the sole owner, or the names of the owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in common, tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with right of survivorship, followed in substance by the words "transfer on death to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." Instead of the words "transfer on death to" the abbreviation "TOD" could be used.

The TOD beneficiary or beneficiaries would have no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A beneficiary designation could be changed at any time by the owner or all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing an application for a subsequent certificate of title.

Under the bill, ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which an application for a subsequent certificate of title has not been filed would vest in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries on the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then such interest in the motor vehicle would belong to the estate of the deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship.

This bill is modeled on a Delaware statute, 21 Del. C. sec. 2304.

# SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **SENATE, No. 906**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: FEBRUARY 3, 2022

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 906.

As amended and reported, this bill authorizes motor vehicles to be titled in "transfer on death" ("TOD") form. Transfer pursuant to a TOD would be independent of any probate of the decedent's estate.

Under the bill, a motor vehicle may be titled in TOD form by including in the certificate of ownership a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle is to be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer is to be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD certificate of ownership.

A motor vehicle is to be titled in TOD form by designating in the certificate of ownership the name of the sole owner, or the names of the owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in common, tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with right of survivorship, followed in substance by the words "transfer on death to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." Instead of the words "transfer on death to" the abbreviation "TOD" may be used.

The TOD beneficiary or beneficiaries are to have no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership.

Under the bill, ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership has not been filed is to vest in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries on the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then



such interest in the motor vehicle is to belong to the estate of the deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. Under the bill, a will does not revoke or supersede a TOD beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will was made.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) is required to publish appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or owners, of a motor vehicle to add a transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership. The information and forms are to be available in all commission agency locations and on the commission's website.

The committee amended the bill to:

- correct references to “certificate of title” throughout the bill to “certificate of ownership”;
- provide that a will is not to revoke or supersede a transfer on death beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will was made;
- require the commission to publish appropriate information and forms to allow an owner or owners of a motor vehicle to add a transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership and to make the information and forms available in all commission agency locations and on the commission's website; and
- provide that the bill is to take effect one year after enactment rather than on the first day of the fourth month following enactment.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT  
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 906**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2022

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 906 (1R).

As amended and reported, this bill authorizes motor vehicles to be titled in "transfer on death" ("TOD") form. Transfer pursuant to a TOD would be independent of any probate of the decedent's estate.

Under the bill, a motor vehicle may be titled in TOD form by including in the certificate of ownership a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle is to be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer is to be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD certificate of ownership.

A motor vehicle is to be titled in TOD form by designating in the certificate of ownership the name of the sole owner, or the names of the owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in common, tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with right of survivorship, followed in substance by the words "transfer on death to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." Instead of the words "transfer on death to" the abbreviation "TOD" may be used.

The TOD beneficiary or beneficiaries are to have no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership.

Under the bill, ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership has not been filed is to vest in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries on the death of the owner or the last to die of all

multiple owners with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then such interest in the motor vehicle is to belong to the estate of the deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. Under the bill, a will does not revoke or supersede a TOD beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will was made.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) is required to publish appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or owners, of a motor vehicle to add, change, or remove a transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership. The information and forms are to be available in all commission agency locations and on the commission's website.

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 906 (1R) is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2847, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that the owner of a motor vehicle may change or remove TOD beneficiaries on forms provided by the commission.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2847

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 28, 2022

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON**

**District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman ANGELA V. MCKNIGHT**

**District 31 (Hudson)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman Danielsen**

**SYNOPSIS**

Authorizes transfer on death (TOD) of title to motor vehicle.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/28/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicle ownership and supplementing  
2 Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. A motor vehicle may be titled in transfer on death  
8 ("TOD") form by including in the certificate of ownership a  
9 designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor  
10 vehicle shall be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to  
11 die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer  
12 shall be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created  
13 before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD  
14 interest. A trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD certificate of  
15 ownership.

16 b. A motor vehicle is titled in TOD form by designating in the  
17 certificate of ownership the name of the sole owner, or the names of  
18 the owners who own the motor vehicle as tenants in common,  
19 tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with right of survivorship,  
20 followed in substance by the words "transfer on death to (name of  
21 beneficiary or beneficiaries)." The abbreviation "TOD" may be  
22 used instead of the words "transfer on death to."

23 c. The transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries shall have  
24 no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the  
25 last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A  
26 beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or  
27 all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship,  
28 without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, by filing an  
29 application for a subsequent certificate of ownership.

30 d. Ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form for which  
31 an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership has not  
32 been filed shall vest in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries  
33 on the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners  
34 with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of all lien holders. If  
35 no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of  
36 all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then such interest in  
37 the motor vehicle belongs to the estate of the deceased owner or the  
38 last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship.

39 e. A certificate of ownership in TOD form shall not be  
40 considered a testamentary disposition.

41 f. A will shall not revoke or supersede a TOD beneficiary  
42 designation, regardless of when the will was made.

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44 2. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall publish  
45 appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or multiple  
46 owners, of a motor vehicle to add a transfer on death beneficiary or  
47 multiple transfer on death beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership  
48 pursuant to section 1 of P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the

1 Legislature as this bill). The information and forms shall be  
2 available in all commission agency locations and online on the  
3 commission's Internet website.

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5 3. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt,  
6 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410  
7 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to effectuate the  
8 provisions of this act.

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10 4. This act shall take effect one year after enactment.

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#### STATEMENT

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15 This bill would authorize motor vehicles to be titled in "transfer  
16 on death" ("TOD") form. Transfer pursuant to a TOD would be  
17 independent of any probate of the decedent's estate.

18 Under the bill, a motor vehicle could be titled in TOD form by  
19 including in the certificate of ownership a designation of a  
20 beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle would be  
21 transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or  
22 more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer would be  
23 subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before,  
24 simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A  
25 trust could be the beneficiary of a TOD title.

26 A motor vehicle would be titled in transfer on death form by  
27 designating in the certificate of ownership the name of the sole  
28 owner, or the names of the owners who own the motor vehicle as  
29 tenants in common, tenants by the entirety or joint tenants with  
30 right of survivorship, followed in substance by the words "transfer  
31 on death to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." Instead of the  
32 words "transfer on death to" the abbreviation "TOD" could be used.

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34 the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the last to die of all  
35 multiple owners with right of survivorship. A beneficiary  
36 designation could be changed at any time by the owner or all then  
37 surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship without the  
38 consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing an application  
39 for a subsequent certificate of ownership.

40 Under the bill, a will would not revoke or supersede a TOD  
41 beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will was made.

42 The bill requires the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to  
43 publish appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or  
44 owners, of a motor vehicle to add a transfer on death beneficiary or  
45 beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership. The information and  
46 forms are to be available in all commission agency locations and on  
47 the commission's website.

**A2847 BENSON, MCKNIGHT**

1       Under the bill, ownership of a motor vehicle titled in TOD form  
2 for which an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership  
3 has not been filed would vest in the designated beneficiary or  
4 beneficiaries on the death of the owner or the last to die of all  
5 multiple owners with right of survivorship, subject to the rights of  
6 all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or  
7 the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then  
8 such interest in the motor vehicle would belong to the estate of the  
9 deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right  
10 of survivorship.

11       This bill is modeled on a Delaware statute, 21 Del. C. sec. 2304.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT  
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2847**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 10, 2022

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2847.

As amended and reported, this bill authorizes motor vehicles to be titled in "transfer on death" ("TOD") form. Transfer pursuant to a TOD would be independent of any probate of the decedent's estate.

Under the bill, a motor vehicle may be titled in TOD form by including in the certificate of ownership a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to whom the motor vehicle is to be transferred on the death of the owner, or the last to die of two or more owners with right of survivorship. The transfer is to be subject to the rights of all lien holders, whether created before, simultaneously with, or after the creation of the TOD interest. A trust may be the beneficiary of a TOD certificate of ownership.

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The TOD beneficiary or beneficiaries are to have no interest in the motor vehicle until the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. A beneficiary designation may be changed at any time by the owner or all then surviving multiple owners with right of survivorship without the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries by filing an application for a subsequent certificate of ownership.

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all lien holders. If no beneficiary survives the death of the owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship, then such interest in the motor vehicle is to belong to the estate of the deceased owner or the last to die of all multiple owners with right of survivorship. Under the bill, a will does not revoke or supersede a TOD beneficiary designation, regardless of when the will was made.

The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (commission) is required to publish appropriate information and forms to allow an owner, or owners, of a motor vehicle to add, change, or remove a transfer on death beneficiary or beneficiaries to a certificate of ownership. The information and forms are to be available in all commission agency locations and on the commission's website.

As amended and reported, Assembly Bill No. 2847 is identical to Senate Bill No. 906(1R), which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The committee amendments provide that the owner of a motor vehicle may change or remove TOD beneficiaries on forms provided by the commission.

# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

05/9/2022

**TRENTON** – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**S-356/A-3089 (Gopal, Stanfield/Benson, Haider, Spearman)** - Provides for lifetime disqualification from operating commercial motor vehicle and transportation network company vehicle for persons convicted of human trafficking

**S-399/A-3146 (Johnson, A.M. Bucco/Park, Jaffer, Greenwald)** - Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads

**S-906/A-2847 (Diegnan, Holzapfel/Benson, McKnight)** - Authorizes transfer on death (TOD) of title to motor vehicle

**A-1115/S-1679 (Chaparro, Reynolds-Jackson, Danielsen/Pou, Turner)** - Requires DEP to prioritize funding for environmental infrastructure projects for applicants with established program to employ, at project or related facilities, local residents or residents of nearby urban aid qualifying municipalities

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

**A-642/S-1369 (Coughlin, Dancer/Vitale) – CONDITIONAL** - Concerns use of steel slag as aggregate

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**A-2472/S-510 (McGuckin, Moriarty, Auth, Piperno/Cryan) – CONDITIONAL** - Establishes bribery in official and political matters applies to person soliciting, accepting, or agreeing to accept benefit as consideration to act even though not yet in office or otherwise qualified to act

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