

May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 725 – *Vehicle Laws – Title and Registration – Transfer to Surviving Spouse*.

This bill establishes that when the interest in a vehicle of one joint owner passes to another joint owner who is the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse is not required to apply for a new certificate of title or submit a specified certificate of title to the Motor Vehicle Administration until a specified time. The bill authorizes a surviving spouse to drive a vehicle and allow the vehicle to be driven on a highway until a specified time without applying for a registration.

Senate Bill 25, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 725.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley