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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 162

Thank you Mister Chairman for the hearing today on Senate Bill 162. I am happy to join with Representative Pope on this bipartisan piece of legislation.

Under current law, when a spouse dies, the surviving spouse must pay \$62 to transfer a vehicle title into his or her name. The supplemental fee associated with title transfers of \$7.50 is waived. The bill waives vehicle title transfer fees, in addition to the supplemental fee, for transfers upon the death of a spouse.

As you know, the death of a spouse can have a dramatic emotional and mental toll on the surviving spouse. Most do not realize the many expenses that follow that death, which adds to the stress of situation. When a survivor decides he or she is ready to remove their spouse from the vehicle title, the potential cost should not be a factor in making that move. We can ease the grieving process, and possibly help bring about closure by eliminating a potential obstacle in the title transfer fee.

That's it. This is a simple and straightforward bill that will help people through the grieving process. I urge your support.

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