

## **2131.13 Transfer-on-Death of Motor Vehicle, Watercraft, or Outboard Motor Statute.**

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Designate or designation in beneficiary form" means to designate, or the designation of, a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor in a certificate of title that indicates the present owner of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor and the intention of the present owner with respect to the transfer of ownership on the present owner's death by designating one or more persons as the beneficiary or beneficiaries who will become the owner or owners of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor upon the death of the present owner.

(2) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 4505.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Person" means an individual, a corporation, an organization, or other legal entity.

(4) "Transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries" means a person or persons specified in a certificate of title of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor who will become the owner or owners of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor upon the death of the present owner of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor.

(5) "Watercraft" has the same meaning as in section 1548.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) An individual whose certificate of title of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor shows sole ownership by that individual may make an application for a certificate of title under section 1548.07 or 4505.06 of the Revised Code to designate that motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor in beneficiary form pursuant to this section.

(C)(1) A motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor is designated in beneficiary form if the certificate of title of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor includes the name or names of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(2) The designation of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor in beneficiary form is not required to be supported by consideration, and the certificate of title in which the designation is made is not required to be delivered to the transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries in order for the designation in beneficiary form to be effective.

(D) The designation of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor in beneficiary form may be shown in the certificate of title by the words "transfer-on-death" or the abbreviation "TOD" after the name of the owner of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor and before the name or names of the transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(E) The designation of a transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries on a certificate of title has no effect on the ownership of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor until the death of the owner of the motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor. The owner of a motor vehicle, watercraft, or outboard motor may cancel or change the designation of a transfer-on-death beneficiary or

