

How do I add Transfer on Death instructions to my car titles in Indiana?

I want to leave my car to my daughter after my death. Can I do this without changing my will?

Yes, you can add transfer on death (“TOD”) instructions on your vehicle title. You may want to name your daughter as the transfer on death owner with the car going to her children should she die before you. You should add LDPS (lineal descendants per stirpes) to achieve this objective or no LDPS if you do not want the car to pass to her children should she predecease you. At your death, your daughter will be able to re-title the car in her name alone.

The procedure is as follows:

- The BMV does NOT have a form which allows you to designate a TOD beneficiary.
- You must apply for an amended title (\$9.00 fee) using an application for Certificate of Title (Form 44049).
- You must notify/inform the BMV that you want to add a TOD beneficiary to your title.
- The BMV employee then "checks" a box electronically in the software to indicate a TOD beneficiary has been named.
- The new title should indicate the TOD status and the name(s) of the beneficiary(ies.).

Keith P. Huffman

August 2011