

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Ait. 93, §5-007. The only changes are in style and language.

5-608. NC ADMINISTRATION REQUIRED ON CERTAIN ESTATES.

(A) TWO MOTOR VEHICLES.

(1) IF THE ONLY PROPERTY OF AN ESTATE OF A DECEDENT IS NOT MORE THAN TWO MOTOR VEHICLES, THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION MAY TRANSFER THE TITLE TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE PERSON ENTITLED TO THEM IF HE IS SATISFIED THAT ALL DEBTS AND TAXES OWED BY THE DECEDENT HAVE BEEN PAID. ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF THE DECEDENT IS NOT NECESSARY IN THIS CASE.

[[ (2) OPERATION OF VEHICLES.

IF THE PERSON ENTITLED TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES IS THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, SON, OR DAUGHTER OF THE DECEDENT, THAT PERSON MAY OPERATE THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR VEHICLES UPON THE HIGHWAYS OF THE STATE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION IN THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, WITHOUT APPLYING FOR OR OBTAINING THE REGISTRATION AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE REQUIRED UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE VEHICLE LAW. ]]

(2) TRANSFER TO LEGATEE OR DISTRIBUTEE.

IF THE INTEREST OF AN OWNER IN A VEHICLE FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE HAS BEEN ISSUED PASSES TO A LEGATEE OR DISTRIBUTEE AS A RESULT OF TESTAMENTARY DISPOSITION OR INTESTATE DEVOLUTION, NO APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NEED BE MADE UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE CURRENT ANNUAL REGISTRATION IN THE NAME OF THE DECEASED OWNER, AND THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NEED NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS MADE. A CERTIFICATE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY OR OF ADMINISTRATION ISSUED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IS SUFFICIENT AUTHORITY FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSFER THE TITLE OF THE VEHICLE OF A DECEASED OWNER IF TITLE IS PROPERLY ASSIGNED BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DECEASED OWNER.

(E) BOAT OR VESSEL.

(1) IF THE ONLY PROPERTY OF A DECEDENT IS A BOAT OR VESSEL, THE APPRAISED VALUE OF WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED \$5,000, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY TRANSFER THE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE BOAT OR VESSEL TO THE PERSON ENTITLED TO IT IF THE AGENCY IS SATISFIED THAT ALL DEBTS AND TAXES OWED BY THE DECEDENT HAVE BEEN PAID.