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Press Release

The Office of the Platte County Clerk would like to inform you of important legislative changes, effective January 1, 2020, that will affect how ownership is held on motor vehicle titles.

A brief explanation of these legislative changes are as follows. Remember these are effective on titles issued as of January 1, 2020, and do not apply to titles issued prior to that date:

- <u>Title applications will no longer need to be notarized</u>. This includes the WY Title Application form, the purchaser's signature on the back of the title and the WY Dealer Reassignment forms.
- <u>Title applications can be signed by only one owner or an agent of the owner</u>.
- The manner in which the title is held will be an important factor in who may sign as seller. The following examples apply only to titles with an issue date of January 1, 2020 or later, regardless of date of sale:
 - If a title has joint tenancy (JTWROS) <u>all owners must sign to sell</u>, even if the conjunction of "or" is present on the title.
 - If a title reads Jane <u>or</u> John Doe and is not held in joint tenancy, only one owner is required to sign as seller and their signature must still be notarized.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local County Clerk who is happy to explain the upcoming changes in the law and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Ervin Platte County Clerk