

**Subject:** Re: Folder in Dad's room

**From:** Mark Cao <mark.cao@gmail.com>

**Date:** 1/16/2025, 10:32 AM

**To:** Jeffrey Yu <jcyu@alumni.princeton.edu>, Thanh Xuan Huynh <Thanhxhuynh2003@yahoo.com>

I am trying to reference information sources closer to the California vehicle code. Here's what I concluded from readings:

1. I filled out the title transfer correctly (as POA signer), except for the wrong year (2024).
2. The correction for the date error above is supposed to be REG 101. That is what I'll be leaving in the room today.
3. The REG 262 is not the right form for corrections. Even if it were, corrections to REG 262 itself cannot be handled on the form itself. A new REG 262 has to be filled out.

Again, this is information closer to the CA vehicle code. After you receive the forms (I'm leaving some duplicates), let me know what else I can do.

Thanks,  
Huy

On Wed, Jan 15, 2025, 12:07 PM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

I'll be going to the postoffice and mailing two "Statement of Error or Erasure," so you can use one for the title, and one for the REG 262. Having that could increase your chances of getting this accepted by a DMV official.

And if you still need me to request a replacement title, let me know.

Huy

On Mon, Jan 13, 2025, 11:50 AM Mark Cao <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)> wrote:

Jeff,

When I filled out the REG 262 over the weekend, I wrote my driver's license number instead of Dad's. Well, I am pretty sure that's not correct, so I went to the DMV in Los Gatos today to get advice and/or a new REG 262 form. Unfortunately, it got more complicated from there. Just as I suspected, apparently these employees have differing interpretations of how to fill out these various forms.

She said to me:

- (1) The date correction should have been done simply using REG 101 Statement to Record Ownership, on the back of which is a "Statement of Error or Erasure." She gave me a form, but it's just on plain paper; so, fortunately it's likely to be downloadable if another blank is needed.
- (2) I shouldn't have signed as POA the way I did. Dad, despite his dementia, could at least initial the title. And he must do that, she said. She implied that a replacement title does not have to be

obtained, and that the extra owner's signature (Ho Van Cao) can be done on the existing form.

I think she might be right about #1, but I doubt she is right about #2 (although she insisted she is right). Let me know if you have good ideas about how to proceed. Personally, I think best is one of the following:

- (A) Use the REG 101 to note the mistake of the date on the title; or,
- (B) Use a REG 227 (Application for Duplicate title) and start from scratch.

I think there is a good shot that (A) will be accepted. But if we want to be sure, we do (B).

Huy

On Mon, Jan 6, 2025, 11:36 AM Jeffrey Yu <[jcyu@alumni.princeton.edu](mailto:jcyu@alumni.princeton.edu)> wrote:

Huy,

Mom tried to take the title transfer material to AAA today to file, but they did not accept it since the date had been changed (even though initialed). The DMV site/handbook says errors on the title are not accepted, so they gave her REG 252 (<https://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/handbook/vehicle-industry-registration-procedures-manual-2/odometer-mileage-reporting/vehicle-vessel-transfer-and-reassignment-form-reg-262/>) to fill out. This one is not available online since the original is required to be filled out on security paper. We filled it out but it requires your signature. She would like to mail the form to you today. She/we can drop it to the post office if this makes sense.

The Statement of Facts (form 256) looks ok.

Thanks,

Jeff

On Fri, Jan 3, 2025 at 5:33 PM Hanh Cao Yu <[hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:hanh.cao.yu@stanfordalumni.org)> wrote:

Mom,

Please read Huy's email carefully below and let me know if you need help.

H.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Mark Cao** <[mark.cao@gmail.com](mailto:mark.cao@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Jan 3, 2025, 1:44 PM

Subject: Folder in Dad's room

To: Hanh Yu <[hanhcaoyu@gmail.com](mailto:hanhcaoyu@gmail.com)>

Hanh,

I left a manila folder on Dad's bed shelf. It has several items in it.

- Corolla:

1. In the folder is the car registration and 2025 sticker.

2. For transfer, in the folder there is the car title and REG 256 Statement of Facts. This is being done as a gift, with a tax advantage. I recommend you write GIFT in the Price of Sale field on the back of the title.

3. A Bill of Sale is not needed. And there's also another transfer related form, but that is a seller-only form, which I am doing online today.

- In the folder is also a business license fee statement Mom needs to pay, which is payable by phone. Also, I suggest you change the address for future use.

As for car insurance, as you have added Mom to your insurance, I will be taking the Corolla and Accord off the Geico policy today.

Thanks,  
Huy