

(1) whether the probate fees to be charged by the registers of wills, as increased under this Act, will be appropriate and sufficient to fund the registers of wills offices in light of the repeal of the inheritance tax, including whether the fees charged by the registers of wills would more appropriately be imposed based on the value of all property passing from a decedent rather than based on the probate estate of the decedent; and

(2) whether the current level of budgetary oversight of the registers of wills offices is appropriate.

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect January 1, 2001 and shall be applicable to persons dying on or after January 1, 2001.

SECTION 6. 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as otherwise provided in this section, Sections 2 through 5 of this Act shall be applicable to persons dying on or after July 1, 2000 January 1, 2002. Those statutes in effect on June 30, 2000 December 31, 2001 shall govern the administration, on and after July 1, 2000 January 1, 2002, of estates of persons who died before July 1, 2000 January 1, 2002, and shall govern the imposition, rate, administration, collection, enforcement, and distribution, on and after July 1, 2000 January 1, 2002, of the inheritance tax on property passing from persons who died before July 1, 2000 January 1, 2002. The repeal of §§ 2-206(n) and 2-207 § 2-206(n) of the Estates and Trusts Article under Section 1-2 of this Act and the changes to § 2-205 of the Estates and Trusts Article under Section 3-4 of this Act shall be applicable to fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2001 2002. On and after July 1, 2001 2002, the registers of wills shall deposit any inheritance tax revenue collected to the General Fund of the State.

SECTION 7. 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 7 and 8 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 7-203(k) and (l), respectively, of Article - Tax - General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 7-203(j) and (k), respectively.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000 and shall be applicable to all decedents dying on or after July 1, 2000.

May 18, 2000

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 18 - Commercial Law - The Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.