

House Bill No. 154

AN ACT concerning

**Estates and Trusts - Intestate Succession - Abandonment or Failure to Pay Child Support or Abandonment of Minor Child**

FOR the purpose of precluding a parent from inheriting by intestate succession from a minor child of the parent if the parent abandoned the child or willfully failed to ~~pay child contribute to the~~ support ~~for of~~ the child ~~in violation of a court order~~ for a certain period of time; *establishing that a parent shall be deemed to have abandoned a minor child under certain circumstances; clarifying that the distribution of a decedent's estate to the surviving parent or parents is subject to certain provisions of law; clarifying that a surviving parent of a decedent is ineligible to be granted letters of administration or to be appointed as successor personal representative or a special administrator under certain circumstances;* providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to intestate succession.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 3-101 and 3-104(a) ~~and (b)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1991 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 3-104(b) and 5-104

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BY adding to

Article - Estates and Trusts

Section 3-112

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Estates and Trusts**

3-101.

Any part of the net estate of a decedent not effectively disposed of by his will shall be distributed by the personal representative to the heirs of the decedent in the order prescribed in this subtitle.