

**CHAPTER 645**

**(House Bill 1227)**

AN ACT concerning

**Estates and Trusts – Family Allowance**

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of a family allowance paid to a surviving spouse and certain children of a decedent; requiring the personal representative of a decedent to pay the allowance in a certain manner for certain children of the decedent; and generally relating to the allowance paid to the family of a decedent.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 3-201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1974 Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

**Article – Estates and Trusts**

3-201.

(A) The surviving spouse is entitled to receive an allowance of [~~\$2,000~~] ~~\$10,000~~ \$5,000 for personal use[.].

(B) [and an additional] AN allowance of [~~\$1,000~~] \$2,500 for the use of each unmarried child of the decedent who has not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the death of the decedent[. Upon receipt of an allowance for an unmarried child under 18 years of age of the decedent who is not also a child of the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse shall distribute that allowance] SHALL BE PAID BY THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE as provided in § 13-501 of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

Approved May 24, 1991.