

~~(I) SHARE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE DECEDENT'S ESTATE AS AN HEIR BY WAY OF STATUTES OF DESCENT AND DISTRIBUTION OR AS DEVISEE OR LEGATEE UNDER THE DECEDENT'S WILL, OR~~

~~(II) COLLECT ANY PROCEEDS AS A BENEFICIARY UNDER A POLICY OF INSURANCE ON THE DECEDENT'S LIFE FELONIOUSLY AND INTENTIONALLY KILLED THE DECEDENT.~~

(B) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A COURT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, FROM DETERMINING BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL PROCEEDING THAT A KILLING WAS FELONIOUS AND INTENTIONAL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to judgments of conviction entered on or after October 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 336

(House Bill 245)

AN ACT concerning

Evidence - Civil Proceedings - Slayer's Rule - Admissibility and Effect of Certain Criminal Convictions

FOR the purpose of providing that a certain judgment of conviction is admissible in a certain civil proceeding ~~to determine entitlement to the assets of a decedent~~ and conclusively establishes certain matters; providing for the construction and application of this Act; and generally relating to the admissibility and effect of certain criminal convictions in certain civil proceedings.

BY adding to

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 10-919

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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