

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

10-919.

(A) AFTER ALL RIGHT TO APPEAL HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED, A JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION ESTABLISHING CRIMINAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE FELONIOUS AND INTENTIONAL KILLING OF A DECEDENT:

(1) IS ADMISSIBLE IN A SUBSEQUENT CIVIL PROCEEDING ~~TO DETERMINE ENTITLEMENT TO THE ASSETS OF THE DECEDENT IN WHICH THE COMMON LAW SLAYER'S RULE IS RAISED AS AN ISSUE;~~ AND

(2) CONCLUSIVELY ESTABLISHES THAT THE CONVICTED INDIVIDUAL, ~~OR A PERSON CLAIMING THROUGH OR UNDER THE CONVICTED INDIVIDUAL, MAY NOT:~~

~~(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 337

(Senate Bill 48)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses

FOR the purpose of increasing by a certain amount the maximum percent of alcohol by volume allowed in light wines in Caroline County; creating a certain caterer's license; increasing the fee for certain licenses; establishing a 7-day Class D license; altering the sale hours allowed for holders of a certain Class D (taverns) license and allowing those holders to sell beer, wine and liquor on Sundays; increasing the number of times a certain special license may be granted during