

Chapter 204

(Senate Bill 198)

AN ACT concerning

Estates and Trusts – Family Allowance

FOR the purpose of altering certain family allowances for a surviving spouse or certain children of a decedent; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to certain family allowances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 3–201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 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 ~~[\$5,000]~~ **\$10,000** for personal use.

(b) An allowance of ~~[\$2,500]~~ **\$5,000** 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 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 be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any decedent who dies before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.