

# SENATE BILL 29

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Personal Representative – Administration of**  
3 **Internet-Based Accounts**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a personal representative to take control of, conduct,  
5 continue, or terminate an account of the decedent on a social networking Web  
6 site, microblogging or short message service Web site, or electronic mail service  
7 Web site.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article – Estates and Trusts  
10 Section 7–401(ee)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

16 7–401.

17 **(EE) A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE MAY TAKE CONTROL OF, CONDUCT,**  
18 **CONTINUE, OR TERMINATE AN ACCOUNT OF THE DECEDENT ON A SOCIAL**  
19 **NETWORKING WEB SITE, MICROBLOGGING OR SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE WEB**  
20 **SITE, OR ELECTRONIC MAIL SERVICE WEB SITE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2013.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

