SENATE BILL 29

By: Senators Klausmeier, Forehand, Ferguson, and Colburn
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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to
Article – Estates and Trusts
Section 7–401(ee)
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

7–401.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.