

SENATE BILL 198

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By: **Senator Frosh**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Family Allowance**

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Estates and Trusts
8 Section 3–201
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

14 3–201.

15 (a) The surviving spouse is entitled to receive an allowance of **[\$5,000]**
16 **\$10,000** for personal use.

17 (b) An allowance of **[\$2,500]** **\$5,000** for the use of each unmarried child of
18 the decedent who has not attained the age of 18 years at the time of the death of the
19 decedent shall be paid by the personal representative as provided in § 13–501 of this
20 article.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
22 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 any effect on or application to any decedent who dies before the effective date of this
2 Act.

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