

SENATE BILL 1089

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By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Inheritance Tax – Exemption – Cousins**

3 FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for property that
4 passes to a cousin of a decedent if the decedent does not have certain surviving
5 relatives; and generally relating to the inheritance tax.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Tax – General
8 Section 7–203(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Tax – General**

14 7–203.

15 (b) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings
16 indicated.

17 (ii) “Child” includes a stepchild or former stepchild.

18 (iii) “Parent” includes a stepparent or former stepparent.

19 (iv) “Surviving spouse” means a surviving spouse who has not
20 remarried.

21 (2) The inheritance tax does not apply to the receipt of property that passes
22 from a decedent to or for the use of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) a grandparent of the decedent;
- 2 (ii) a parent of the decedent;
- 3 (iii) a spouse of the decedent;
- 4 (iv) a child of the decedent or a lineal descendant of a child of the
5 decedent;
- 6 (v) a spouse of a child of the decedent or a spouse of a lineal
7 descendant of a child of the decedent;
- 8 (vi) a surviving spouse of a deceased child of the decedent or of a
9 deceased lineal descendant of a child of the decedent who was married to the child or lineal
10 descendant of the child at the time of the child's or lineal descendant's death;
- 11 (vii) a brother or sister of the decedent; [or]
- 12 (viii) a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company if all of
13 its stockholders, partners, or members consist of individuals specified in items (i) through
14 (vii) of this paragraph; **OR**

15 **(IX) IF THE DECEDENT HAS NO SURVIVING RELATIVES**
16 **SPECIFIED IN ITEMS (I) THROUGH (VII) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A COUSIN OF THE**
17 **DECEDENT.**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2016.