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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1100 (Delegate Fulton)

Judiciary

**Wrongful Death - Intestate Succession - Parent Not Entitled to Damages or
Distribution**

This emergency bill provides that a parent may not be a beneficiary in a wrongful death action or inherit through intestate succession if the child who died was born as a result of incest.

The bill is to be construed retroactively and shall be applied to affect a claim for damages in an action for wrongful death or for the rights in an intestate estate of a child whose death occurred on or after August 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Indeterminate, but minimal, effect on inheritance and estate tax (general fund) revenues. General fund expenditures would not be affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Registers of Wills, Comptroller of the Treasury (Bureau of Revenue Estimates)

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