

Chapter 502

**(House Bill 1345)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Trust Act – In Terrorem Clause – Void**

FOR the purpose of establishing that, under the Maryland Trust Act, a certain in terrorem clause contained in a trust is void under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the Maryland Trust Act.

BY adding to

Article – Estates and Trusts

Section 14.5–113

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Estates and Trusts**

**14.5–113.**

**IF PROBABLE CAUSE EXISTS FOR INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS, A PROVISION IN A TRUST PURPORTING TO PENALIZE AN INTERESTED PERSON FOR CONTESTING THE TRUST OR INSTITUTING OTHER PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ESTATE IS VOID.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2026.**