

HOUSE BILL 1062

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By: **Delegates Embry and Taveras**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2026

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Jurisdiction Over Property of Minors or Disabled Persons –**
3 **Authorized Transactions**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a circuit court to authorize or direct a transaction that
5 grants access to financial records or establishes eligibility for government assistance
6 programs for a minor or disabled person under a certain circumstance; and generally
7 relating to assuming jurisdiction over the property of a minor or disabled person.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Estates and Trusts

10 Section 13–204

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

16 13–204.

17 (a) (1) If a basis exists as described in § 13–201 of this subtitle for assuming
18 jurisdiction over the property of a minor or disabled person, the circuit court, without
19 appointing a guardian, may authorize or direct a transaction with respect to the property,
20 service, or care arrangement of the minor or disabled person.

21 (2) The transactions described under paragraph (1) of this subsection
22 include:

23 (i) Payment, delivery, deposit, or retention of funds or property;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (ii) Sale, mortgage, lease, or other transfer of property;
- 2 (iii) Purchase of contracts for an annuity, life care, training, or
3 education;
- 4 (iv) Making the election to take an elective share of an estate subject
5 to election under § 3–403 of this article; [or]

6 (v) **GRANTING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RECORDS;**

7 (vi) **ESTABLISHING ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT**
8 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; OR**

9 [(v)] (vii) Any other transaction described in:

- 10 1. § 13–203(c)(2) of this subtitle;
- 11 2. Title 9, Subtitle 2 of this article; or
- 12 3. § 15–102 of this article.

13 (b) Before approving a transaction or arrangement under this section, the court
14 shall consider the interests of creditors and dependents of the minor or disabled person and
15 whether the property of the minor or disabled person needs the continuing protection
16 provided by a guardian.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2026.