

SB1029 Estates and Trust- Interpretation of Wills- Extrinsic Evidence of Intent (Granny's Law)

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Hello, my name is Lekesha D. McClammy, and I am in favor of SB1029 Granny's Law. I have been certified as a Nursing Assistant for the last 25 years. Although I do not work in the field full-time any longer, I have been in contact with multiple people and experienced health disparities over my years in healthcare. This issue is affected by a number of health disparities such as, the physical strain on the body when taking care of a sick individual or someone with a disability and the lack of healthcare workers in nursing facilities.

In 2011 I was responsible for caring for 6 patients in a memory care unit at a nursing facility. The care that was given consist of bathing, dressing, and transporting to the social area for daily activities. On my last patient, I was in the process of positioning the wheelchair when my patient kicked me in my lower back, and I fell forward. This is just 1 of multiple injuries I received, but this injury took me out of work for 2 months before I could return on light duty. I had to continue physical therapy for another 6 months before being able to do my job fully. This was financially hard, and most of all my body will never be the same. This is one of the reasons I made a career change because physical lifting and assisting the sick has a way to put a strain on your body over time.

Another disparity in healthcare is the lack of healthcare workers to assist and maintain healthy conditions in the nursing facilities. My aunt has been in and out of the hospital with aspiration pneumonia due to not being monitored when she eat or drinks. This has been an ongoing issue because of the lack of Nurse Aides and the ratio of patients they need to provide care. It has caused my cousin some mental strain because she is worried about her mother and the care she is receiving in the nursing facility. She cannot afford to bring her home and care for her because of the lack of home care aides and the limited number of hours they are given to work.

These reasons listed above are the reason I am in favor of "Granny's Law" . We need resources for the African American community in the state of Maryland who suffer from more than just these health disparities. My recommendation is you vote yes for the "SB1029 Granny's Law.