

House Bill 868

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Unfavorable

House Judiciary Committee

Delegate Clippinger, Delegate Bartlett and Members of the Committee

I have had the privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Queen Anne's County since 2010 as an Orphans' Court Judge and have been a Board Member of the Conference of Orphans' Court Judges appointed by the Chief Justices each year since 2011 and elected by my fellow judges to the MAJOC Board since 2011 as well. I come to you today in my individual capacity and not on behalf of the Maryland Judiciary or any of its parts.

As an Orphans' Court Judge, my job is to see that the decedent's wishes are met in accordance with their will. Testamentary intent is deduced from the four corners of "the will" itself. Orphans' Court Judges have very limited jurisdiction, but we do have the authority to interpret a will in accordance with the testator's intentions.

This bill deprives the testator of their specifically written instructions.

I humbly request that House Bill 868 not receive your approval.

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