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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO TAXATION - ESTATE AND TRANSFER TAXES**

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Walaska, Felag, McCaffrey, and Bates

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Section 44-22-1.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-22 entitled "Estate  
2 and Transfer Taxes - Liability and Computation" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3        **44-22-1.1. Tax on net estate of decedent.** -- (a) (1) For decedents whose death occurs on  
4 or after January 1, 1992, but prior to January 1, 2002, a tax is imposed upon the transfer of the net  
5 estate of every resident or nonresident decedent as a tax upon the right to transfer. The tax is a  
6 sum equal to the maximum credit for state death taxes allowed by 26 U.S.C. section 2011.

7        (2) For decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2002, but prior to January 1,  
8 2010 a tax is imposed upon the transfer of the net estate of every resident or nonresident decedent  
9 as a tax upon the right to transfer. The tax is a sum equal to the maximum credit for state death  
10 taxes allowed by 26 U.S.C. section 2011 as it was in effect as of January 1, 2001; provided,  
11 however, that the tax shall be imposed only if the net taxable estate shall exceed six hundred  
12 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$675,000). Any scheduled increase in the unified credit provided  
13 in 26 U.S.C. section 2010 in effect on January 1, 2001, or thereafter, shall not apply.

14        (3) For decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2010, and prior to January 1,  
15 2015, a tax is imposed upon the transfer of the net estate of every resident or nonresident  
16 decedent as a tax upon the right to transfer. The tax is a sum equal to the maximum credit for  
17 state death taxes allowed by 26 U.S.C. section 2011 as it was in effect as of January 1, 2001;  
18 provided, however, that the tax shall be imposed only if the net taxable estate shall exceed eight  
19 hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000); provided, further, beginning on January 1, 2011

1 and each January 1 thereafter, until January 1, 2015, said amount shall be adjusted by the  
2 percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as  
3 published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of  
4 the prior calendar year; said adjustment shall be compounded annually and shall be rounded up to  
5 the nearest five dollar (\$5.00) increment. Any scheduled increase in the unified credit provided in  
6 26 U.S.C. section 2010 in effect on January 1, 2003, or thereafter, shall not apply.

7           (4) For decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2015, a tax is imposed upon  
8           the transfer of the net estate of every resident or nonresident decedent as a tax upon the right to  
9           transfer. The tax is a sum equal to the maximum credit for state death taxes allowed by 26 U.S.C.  
10          2011 as it was in effect as of January 1, 2001; provided, however, that a credit shall be allowed  
11          against any tax so determined in the amount of ninety-nine thousand, six hundred dollars  
12          (\$99,600).

13           (b) If the decedent's estate contains property having a tax situs not within the state, then  
14 the tax determined by this section is reduced to an amount determined by multiplying the tax by a  
15 fraction whose numerator is the gross estate excluding all property having a tax situs not within  
16 the state at the decedent's death and whose denominator is the gross estate. In determining the  
17 fraction, no deductions are considered and the gross estate is not reduced by a mortgage or other  
18 indebtedness for which the decedent's estate is not liable.

19           (c) (1) The terms "gross taxable estate", "federal gross estate" or "net taxable estate" used  
20 in this chapter or chapter 23 of this title has the same meaning as when used in a comparable  
21 context in the laws of the United States, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the  
22 provisions of this chapter or chapter 23 of this title. Any reference in this chapter or chapter 23 of  
23 this title to the Internal Revenue Code or other laws of the United States means the Internal  
24 Revenue Code of 1954, 26 U.S.C. section 1 et seq.

25           (2) For decedents whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2002, the terms "gross  
26 taxable estate" "federal gross estate" or "net taxable estate" used in this chapter or chapter 23 of  
27 this title has the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United  
28 States, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the provisions of this chapter or chapter  
29 23 of this title. Any reference in this chapter or chapter 23 of this title to the Internal Revenue  
30 Code or other laws of the United States means the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, 26 U.S.C.  
31 section 1 et seq., as they were in effect as of January 1, 2001, unless otherwise provided.

32           (d) All values are as finally determined for federal estate tax purposes.

33           (e) Property has a tax situs within the state of Rhode Island:

34           (1) If it is real estate or tangible personal property and has actual situs within the state of

1       Rhode Island; or

2           (2) If it is intangible personal property and the decedent was a resident.

3       SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply to the estates of

4       decedents dying after December 31, 2014.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1        This act would allow a credit against the Rhode Island estate tax of ninety-nine thousand,  
2        six hundred dollars (\$99,600) for decedents dying after December 31, 2014. The credit is  
3        equivalent to an estate tax exemption of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for decedents dying  
4        after December 31, 2014.

5        This act would take effect upon passage, and it would apply to the estates of decedents  
6        dying after December 31, 2014.

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