



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7142

LCO No. 5882



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH THE RIGHT OF AN INHERITANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) An action for tortious
2 interference with the right of an inheritance may be brought when (1) a
3 person has an expectation of receiving an inheritance, (2) another person
4 has knowledge of the expected inheritance, (3) such other person
5 engages in conduct that demonstrates an intent to interfere with the
6 expected inheritance, (4) such other person's conduct was tortious
7 causing the expected inheritance to fail, and (5) the person bringing the
8 action suffered actual economic loss as a result of such other person's
9 tortious conduct.

10 (b) Any person aggrieved by acts constituting tortious interference
11 with the right of an inheritance may bring an action in the Superior
12 Court to recover damages, together with costs and a reasonable
13 attorney's fee. No such action shall be brought under this section but
14 within three years from the date of the act complained of.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To establish a statutory cause of action for tortious interference with the right of an inheritance.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]