

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1603

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to grantor trusts; amending 68 O.S. 1991, Section 812, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 295, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 812), which relates to entities holding assets of a deceased person; specifying applicability of certain provisions to grantor trusts; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 812, as amended by Section 9, Chapter 295, O.S.L. 1992 (68 O.S. Supp. 1992, Section 812), is amended to read as follows:

Section 812. A. When the president or managing officer of a safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution, or person or persons, holding securities or assets of a decedent receives actual notice, from the person or persons entitled or claiming to be entitled to the securities or assets, from a source deemed reliable by the safe deposit company, trust company, bank or other financial institution or from the Oklahoma Tax Commission, of the death of the decedent, such safe deposit company, trust company, bank or other financial institution in this state, or person or persons, holding securities or assets of a decedent shall

not deliver or transfer the same except as provided for in subsection (d) of Section 811 of this title, to the beneficiary or joint survivor, executor, administrator, or legal representatives of said decedent, or upon their order or request, unless notice of the time and place of such intended transfer be served upon the Oklahoma Tax Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the said transfer or delivery. No such safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution, person or persons, shall deliver or transfer any securities or assets of the estate of a decedent except as provided for in subsection (d) of Section 811 of this title, without retaining a sufficient portion or amount thereof to pay any tax which may thereafter be assessed on account of the transfer of such securities or assets pursuant to the provisions of this article, unless the Oklahoma Tax Commission consents to such delivery or transfer in writing, and it shall be lawful for the Oklahoma Tax Commission, personally or by representative, to examine said securities or assets at the time of such delivery or transfer. Failure to serve such notice of transfer and to retain a sufficient portion of the amount to pay the tax provided for in this section, after having received actual notice of the death of the owner of any such securities or assets, shall render such safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution, person or persons, liable for the payment of the tax. In all cases, regardless of the aggregate amount of deposits of money in any safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution to the credit of the decedent and any other person or persons not the spouse or a lineal descendant of the decedent, as joint tenants, not more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) may be released or paid out by such institutions without notifying the Oklahoma Tax Commission. From deposits of money in any safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution, to the credit of the decedent and a lineal descendant as joint tenants, not

more than One Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in the aggregate may be released or paid out by such institutions ten (10) days after receipt of notification in writing to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Any funds held jointly as a beneficiary with the surviving spouse only, without limit, may be released or paid out by such institutions without notifying the Tax Commission.

B. No safe deposit company, trust company, bank, or other financial institution, or an officer thereof, or person or persons holding securities or assets of a decedent, shall be held liable for the wrongful release of deposits within the limits of this section.

C. The restrictions of this section shall not be applicable to oil and gas producing monies, received after date of death, whether from royalties, working interests, overriding royalties or otherwise.

D. 1. This section shall not be applicable to deposit accounts and safe deposit boxes held by a trust other than a grantor trust. The restrictions of this section shall apply to a grantor trust upon the death of a grantor.

2. For purposes of this subsection, a grantor trust means a trust for which the grantor is the trustee or a co-trustee and the right to revoke the trust is retained by the grantor or a nonadverse party, or both. A grantor trust includes a trust where a husband and wife are the grantors and the husband or wife is the trustee or a co-trustee and either the husband or wife or a nonadverse party, or both, retain the right to revoke the trust.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1993.

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