

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 725

By: Schulz of the Senate

and

3 Wright of the House
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6 An Act relating to wills and succession; amending 84
7 O.S. 2011, Section 231, which relates to offenses
8 preventing a person from inheriting or benefitting
9 from death or disability of victim; expanding
10 offenses; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 84 O.S. 2011, Section 231, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 231. No person who is convicted of murder in the first
15 degree, murder in the second degree, ~~or~~ manslaughter in the first
16 degree, as defined by the laws of this state, or the laws of any
17 other state or foreign country, of having taken, caused, or procured
18 another to take, the life of an individual, or who has been
19 convicted of abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult
20 pursuant to Section 843.3 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
21 shall inherit from the victim of the offense, or receive any
22 interest in the estate of the victim, or take by devise or legacy,
23 or as a designated beneficiary of an account or security which is a
24 POD or TOD designation, or as a surviving joint tenant, or by

1 descent or distribution, from the victim, any portion of the
2 victim's estate; and no beneficiary of any policy of insurance or
3 certificate of membership issued by any benevolent association or
4 organization, payable upon the death or disability of any person,
5 who in like manner takes, causes, or procures to be taken, the life
6 upon which such policy or certificate is issued, or who causes or
7 procures a disability of such person, or who has been convicted of
8 abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult pursuant to
9 Section 843.3 of Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes, where such
10 deceased or disabled person was the victim, shall take the proceeds
11 of such policy or certificate; but in every instance mentioned in
12 this section all benefits that would accrue to any such person upon
13 the death or disability of the person whose life is thus taken, or
14 who is thus disabled, shall become subject to distribution among the
15 other heirs of such deceased person according to the laws of descent
16 and distribution, in the case of death, and in case of disability,
17 the benefits thereunder shall be paid to the disabled person;
18 provided, however, that an insurance company shall be discharged of
19 all liability under a policy issued by it upon payment of the
20 proceeds in accordance with the terms thereof, unless before such
21 payment the company shall have written notice by or in behalf of
22 some claimant other than the beneficiary named in the policy that a
23 claim to the proceeds of such policy will be made by heirs of such
24 deceased under the provisions of this section.

