

SENATE FILE NO. SF0066

Slayer rule applied to joint ownership.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Cooper, Hutchings and Nethercott
and Representative(s) Greear, Oakley and
Winter

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to wills, decedents' estates and probate
2 code; specifying that taking the life of another joint
3 tenant precludes survivorship benefits; and providing for
4 an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 2-14-101(a) and (c) is amended to
9 read:

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11 **2-14-101. Taking of life precludes one from**
12 **inheritance, insurance or survivorship benefits; how**
13 **benefits distributed; notification of insurer necessary.**

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1 (a) No person who feloniously takes or causes or
2 procures another to take the life of another shall:

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4 (i) Inherit from or take by devise or legacy
5 from the deceased person any portion of his estate;

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7 (ii) Inherit, receive or otherwise take any
8 property held with the deceased person in a joint tenancy
9 with rights of survivorship, tenancy by the entirety or any
10 other form of co-ownership with rights of survivorship;

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12 (iii) Inherit, receive or otherwise take any
13 property conveyed by the deceased person by beneficiary
14 designation, transfer on death designation, payable on
15 death designation or other conveyance that occurs because
16 of the death of the deceased person.

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18 (c) In every instance mentioned in this section all
19 benefits that would accrue to any such person upon the
20 death of the person whose life is taken shall become
21 subject to distribution among the other beneficiaries or
22 heirs of the deceased person according to the will, trust
23 or other valid dispositive instrument of the deceased

1 person as though the person causing the death of the
2 deceased person has predeceased the deceased person, or if
3 no such valid instrument exists, according to the rules of
4 descent and distribution. However, an insurance company is
5 discharged of all liability under a policy issued by it
6 upon payment of the proceeds in accordance with the terms
7 thereof unless before payment the company receives written
8 notice by or in behalf of some claimant other than the
9 beneficiary named in the policy that a claim to the
10 proceeds of the policy will be made by heirs of the
11 deceased under the provisions of this section.

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13 **Section 2.** This act is effective immediately upon
14 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
15 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
16 Constitution.

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(END)