



Senate Bill No. 1454

Public Act No. 07-32

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING AN AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE PROBATE OF A SMALL ESTATE.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 45a-273 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

(a) The surviving spouse of any person who dies, or if there is no surviving spouse, any of the next of kin of such decedent, or if there is no next of kin or if such surviving spouse or next of kin refuses, then any suitable person whom the court deems to have a sufficient interest may, in lieu of filing an application for admission of a will to probate or letters of administration, file an affidavit or statement signed under penalty of false statement in the court of probate in the district [wherein] in which the decedent resided, stating, if such is the case, that all debts of the decedent have been paid in the manner prescribed by section 45a-392, at least to the extent of the fair value of all of the decedent's assets, when (1) such decedent leaves property of the type described in subsection (b) of this section, and (2) the aggregate value of any such property as described in subsection (b) of this section does not exceed the sum of [twenty] forty thousand dollars. In addition,

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such affidavit or statement shall state that the decedent either did, or did not, receive aid or care from the state, which shall also include aid or care from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, whichever is true.

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