



General Assembly

January Session, 2013

**Raised Bill No. 6680**

LCO No. 4899



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO JOINTLY HELD ASSETS THAT  
ARE LOCATED IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) Whenever the sole owner  
2 of a safe deposit box dies, the owner's next of kin, spouse or any  
3 person showing a sufficient interest in the presence of a jointly held  
4 asset may apply to the Probate Court for an order to open the deceased  
5 owner's safe deposit box to obtain a jointly held asset that may be  
6 contained therein. The Probate Court may issue such order ex parte.  
7 The safe deposit box shall be opened in the presence of an officer of the  
8 bank who shall make return of such order to the court stating: (1) That  
9 the jointly held asset was removed from the safe deposit box, or (2)  
10 that there was no such jointly held asset in the safe deposit box and  
11 nothing was removed.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide the Probate Court with the authority to enter an order that allows the owner of a jointly held asset to remove such asset from a safe deposit box, which is solely owned by another person who has died, while in the presence of a bank officer.

*[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.]*