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CHAPTER 220

INHERITANCE TAXES

H. F. 206

AN ACT relating to deduction of debts and expenses for inheritance tax purposes.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section four hundred fifty point twelve (450.12), subsection one (1), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

1. From the estate of such decedent who at the time of his death was domiciled within this state, there shall be deducted the debts owing by the decedent at the time of his death, the local and state taxes due from the estate in January of the year of his death, and federal taxes owing by the decedent or paid from the estate on Iowa property, a reasonable sum for funeral expenses, temporary allowance for the widow and children under fifteen years of age allowances as provided in sections six hundred thirty-three point three hundred seventy-four (633.374), six hundred thirty-three point three hundred seventy-five (633.375), six hundred thirty-three point three hundred seventy-six (633.376) and six hundred thirty-three point three hundred seventyseven (633.377) of the Code, and as granted by the probate court or judge thereof, court costs, the cost of appraisement made for the purpose of assessing the inheritance tax, the fee of executors, administrators, or trustees as allowed by order of court, the amount paid by the executor or administrator for a bond, the attorney fee in a reasonable amount to be approved by the court for the probate proceedings in said estate, the costs of the sale of real estate or personal property in the estate, including the real estate agent's commission, and expenses for abstracting, documentary stamps, and title correction expenses, and no other sum; provided, however, that the debt of such decedent owing for or secured by property outside of this state, shall not be deducted before estimating the tax, except when the property for which the debt is owing or by which it is secured is subject to the tax imposed by this chapter, or when the foreign debt exceeds the value of the property securing it or for which it was contracted, when the excess may be deducted, provided that satisfactory proof of the value of the foreign property and the amount of such debt is furnished to the director of revenue.

Said debts shall not be deducted unless the same are approved and allowed by the court within eighteen months from the death of the decedent, unless otherwise ordered by the judge or court of the proper county.

Approved June 16, 1975