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HOUSE FILE 527
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 310)

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1 Amend House File 527 as follows:

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2 1. Page 4, line 6, by striking the word "may" and

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3 inserting the following: "may shall".

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By HURLEY of Fayette

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16 b. Inheritance taxes owing with respect to a passing of
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18 administered in this state are no longer a lien against the
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21 remainder or deferred interests and are deferred in accordance
22 with the provisions of this chapter.

23 Sec. 2. Section 450.12, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
24 1995, is amended to read as follows:

25 a. The debts owing by the decedent at the time of death,
26 the local and state taxes accrued before the decedent's death,
27 the federal estate tax and federal taxes owing by the
28 decedent, a reasonable sum for funeral expenses, the allowance
29 for surviving spouse and minor children granted by the probate
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31 ~~made for the purpose of assessing the inheritance tax, the fee~~
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15 four ten thousand dollars, and a conservator for the minor has
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17 distribution of the funds may, in its discretion, upon the
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27 the minor.

28 Sec. 4. Section 633.219, subsections 3 and 4, Code 1995,
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3 deceased parent in accordance with this subsection.

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5 3 of this section, but and the decedent is survived by one or
6 more grandparents or issue of grandparents, half the estate
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8 the surviving paternal grandparent, ~~or to the issue of the~~
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10 ~~per stirpes, and the other half passes to the maternal~~
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23 other half of the decedent's estate passes to the maternal
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26 the paternal or maternal side, the entire estate passes to the
27 decedent's surviving grandparents or their issue on the other
28 side in accordance with this subsection.

29 Sec. 5. Section 633.273, subsection 1, Code 1995, is
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35 intent is clear and explicit to the contrary.

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15 payment of money or delivery of property.

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18 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. DISCLAIMER BY ATTORNEY-IN-FACT.

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20 principal's attorney-in-fact or agent by a power of attorney,
21 and the designation authorizes the attorney-in-fact to
22 disclaim the principal's interest in any property, the
23 attorney-in-fact has the same right to disclaim as the
24 disclaimant and may disclaim on behalf of the attorney-in-
25 fact's principal.

26 Sec. 8. REPEAL. Chapter 634A, Code 1995, is repealed.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill provides for the following:

29 1. Section 450.7 is amended to provide that an inheritance
30 tax lien expires 10 years from the date of death of the person
31 owning the property at death regardless of whether the
32 decedent's estate has been probated or not. Currently,
33 inheritance tax liens continue for a period of 20 years for
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PERSON HURLEY)

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