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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 10)

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Approved 3/21/05

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain penalties for filing false affidavits  
2 and the time for examining and determining a correct return  
3 under the state inheritance tax and increasing the amount of  
4 property that may be transferred to minors under certain  
5 conditions and including a retroactive applicability date  
6 provision.

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2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. If a return is not required to be filed pursuant to  
4 subsection 3, and if real estate is involved, one of the  
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6 in, the real estate shall file an affidavit in the county in  
7 which the real estate is located setting forth the legal  
8 description of the real estate and the fact that an  
9 inheritance tax return is not required pursuant to subsection  
10 ~~3. If a false affidavit is filed, the affiant and the~~  
11 ~~personal representative shall be jointly and severally liable~~  
12 ~~for any tax, penalty, and interest that may have been due.~~  
13 ~~Any otherwise applicable statute of limitations on the~~  
14 ~~assessment and collection of the tax, penalty, and interest~~  
15 ~~shall not apply.~~ Anyone with or succeeding to an interest in  
16 real estate who willfully fails to file such an affidavit, or  
17 who willfully files a false affidavit, is guilty of a  
18 fraudulent practice.

19 Sec. 2. Section 450.53, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 2. a. A person in possession of assets to be reported for  
22 purposes of taxation, including a personal representative or  
23 trustee, who willfully makes a false or fraudulent return, or  
24 who willfully fails to pay the tax, or who willfully fails to  
25 supply the information, necessary to prepare the return or  
26 determine if a return is required, or who willfully fails to  
27 make, sign, or file the required return within the time  
28 required by law, is guilty of a fraudulent practice. This  
29 paragraph subsection does not apply to failure to make, sign,  
30 or file a return or failure to pay the tax if a return is not  
31 required to be filed pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph "b".

32 ~~b. If a false affidavit is filed, the affiant and the~~  
33 ~~personal representative shall be jointly and severally liable~~  
34 ~~for any tax, penalty, and interest that may have been due.~~  
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1 ~~assessment-and-collection-of-the-tax, penalty, and interest~~  
2 ~~shall not apply.~~

3 Sec. 3. Section 450.58, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 2. If an inheritance tax return is not required to be  
6 filed pursuant to section 450.53, subsection 1, paragraph "b",  
7 the personal representative's final settlement of account need  
8 not contain an inheritance tax receipt from the department,  
9 but shall, instead, contain the personal representative's  
10 ~~statement, under oath,~~ certification under section 633.35 that  
11 an inheritance tax return is not required to be filed pursuant  
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17 ~~and collection of the tax, penalty, and interest shall not~~  
18 ~~apply.~~

19 Sec. 4. Section 450.94, subsection 5, Code 2005, is  
20 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

21 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. The period for examination and  
22 determination of the correct amount of tax to be reported and  
23 due under this chapter is unlimited in the case of failure to  
24 file a return or the filing of a false or fraudulent return or  
25 affidavit.

26 Sec. 5. Section 565B.7, subsection 3, Code 2005, is  
27 amended to read as follows:

28 3. If ~~no~~ a custodian has not been nominated under section  
29 565B.3, or all persons so nominated as custodian die before  
30 the transfer or are unable, decline, or are ineligible to  
31 serve, a transfer under this section may be made to an adult  
32 member of the minor's family or to a trust company unless the  
33 property exceeds ~~ten~~ twenty-five thousand dollars in value.

34 Sec. 6. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE. The sections of  
35 this Act amending section 450.22, 450.53, and 450.58 apply

1 retroactively to July 1, 2004, for estates of decedents dying  
2 on or after that date.

3 EXPLANATION

4 Code sections 450.22(4), 450.53(2), and 450.58(2) are  
5 amended to eliminate the language that provides that if a  
6 false affidavit is filed, the affiant and personal  
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8 penalty, and interest since Code section 450.5 provides for  
9 this. Code section 450.22(4) is also amended to provide that  
10 anyone with or succeeding to an interest in real estate who  
11 willfully fails to file an affidavit or files a false  
12 affidavit in regard to a return not required to be filed is  
13 guilty of a fraudulent practice. These amendments apply  
14 retroactively to July 1, 2004, for estates of decedents dying  
15 on or after that date.

16 Code section 450.94(5) is amended to provide that the  
17 statute of limitations for the examination of a return or  
18 determination of correct amount of tax is unlimited if a false  
19 return is filed or no return is filed.

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21 property that may be transferred under the transfers to minors  
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JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON PAULSEN)

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HOUSE FILE 281

AN ACT

RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR FILING FALSE AFFIDAVITS  
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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS  
Speaker of the House

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JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 281, Eighty-first General Assembly.

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MARGARET THOMSON  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 21, 2005

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THOMAS J. VILSACK  
Governor