

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1760

**PRINTER NO.** 2144

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

October 16, 2023

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Hanbidge

**DESCRIPTION**

House Bill 1760 amends Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) to expand the provisions of the Slayers Act to include individuals convicted of elder abuse.

Section 2106 of Title 20 is amended by adding a new subsection (c.1) to provide that any person convicted of offenses constituting elder abuse may not acquire property or receive any benefits upon the death of the victim. Property and benefits forfeited under this new subsection shall be distributed as provided by Chapter 88, known as the Slayers Act.

Additionally, the legislation adds a new section 8816 (relating to intent to transfer notwithstanding elder abuse) to provide that an elder abuser may still acquire any property or receive any benefits upon the death of a victim if it is proven by clear and convincing evidence that either:

- 1) The victim knew of the conviction but expressed or ratified intent to transfer the property, benefit or interest to the elder abuser; or
- 2) The victim and the elder abuser reconciled following the conviction of elder abuse.

This act shall take effect in 180 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enactment of House Bill 1760 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.