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SENATE BILL 502
House Committee Substitute Favorable 6/4/03

Short Title: Access to Decedent's Safe-Deposit Box.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A DEPUTY TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE CONTENTS
3 OF A DECEDENT'S SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 28A-15-13(a) reads as rewritten:

6 "(a) Definitions. – The following definitions apply to this section:

7 (1) Institution. – Any entity or person having supervision or possession of
8 a safe-deposit box to which a decedent had access.

9 (1a) Deputy. – A person appointed in writing by a lessee or cotenant of a
10 safe-deposit box as having right of access to the safe-deposit box
11 without further authority or permission of the lessee or cotenant, in a
12 manner and form designated by the institution.

13 (2) Letter of authority. – Letters of administration, letters testamentary, an
14 affidavit of collection of personal property, an order of summary
15 administration, or a letter directed to the institution designating a
16 person entitled to receive the contents of a safe-deposit box to which
17 the decedent had access. The letter of authority must be signed by the
18 clerk of superior court or by the clerk's representative.

19 (3) Qualified person. – A person possessing a letter of authority or a
20 person named as a deputy, lessee or cotenant of the safe-deposit box to
21 which the decedent had access."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.