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# HOUSE BILL No. 1301

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-4.1.

**Synopsis:** Affidavit stating that no inheritance tax is due. Provides that an affidavit stating that no inheritance tax is due after applying the inheritance tax exemptions may be submitted to a county assessor with a request for a consent to transfer. Provides that the department of state revenue or the county assessor may rely upon the affidavit in determining that the transfer will not jeopardize collection of inheritance tax. Provides that the affidavit may be recorded in the office of the county recorder if the affidavit contains the legal description of the real property in a decedent's estate. Creates a presumption that no inheritance tax is due if the affidavit is properly executed and recorded. Provides that an inheritance tax lien may not  
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**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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attach to real property if the affidavit is properly executed and recorded in the county in which the real property is located. Repeals a redundant statute concerning the form of an affidavit used to state that no inheritance tax is due.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-4.1-4-0.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 0.5. (a) No inheritance  
3 tax return is required under this chapter unless the total fair market  
4 value of the property interests transferred by the decedent to a  
5 transferee under a taxable transfer or transfers exceeds the exemption  
6 provided to the transferee under sections 9.1 through 12 of IC 6-4.1-3.  
7 For purposes of this section, the fair market value of a property interest  
8 is its fair market value as of the appraisal date prescribed by  
9 IC 6-4.1-5-1.5.

10 (b) **The department of state revenue shall prescribe the form of**  
11 **an affidavit that may be used to state that no inheritance tax is due**  
12 **after applying the exemptions under IC 6-4.1-3. The affidavit may**  
13 **be:**

14 (1) **recorded in the office of the county recorder if the**  
15 **affidavit includes the legal description of the real property in**



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1 the decedent's estate; or  
2 (2) submitted to the department of state revenue or the  
3 appropriate county assessor with a request for a consent to  
4 transfer under IC 6-4.1-8-4.

5 (c) If the department of state revenue or the appropriate county  
6 assessor consents to a transfer of personal property under  
7 IC 6-4.1-8-4 after considering an affidavit described in subsection  
8 (b), the full value of the personal property may be transferred.

9 (d) It is presumed that no inheritance tax is due and that no  
10 inheritance tax return is required if an affidavit described in  
11 subsection (b) is:

- 12 (1) properly executed; and
- 13 (2) recorded in the decedent's county of residence.

14 (e) A lien may not attach to the real property owned by a  
15 decedent under IC 6-4.1-8-1 if an affidavit under subsection (b) is:

- 16 (1) properly executed; and
- 17 (2) recorded in the county in which the real property is  
18 located.

19 **However, a lien is attached to the real property under IC 6-4.1-8-1**  
20 **if the department of state revenue obtains an order that an**  
21 **inheritance tax is owed.**

22 SECTION 2. IC 6-4.1-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 1. The inheritance tax  
24 imposed as a result of a decedent's death is a lien on the property  
25 transferred by him. Except as otherwise provided in IC 6-4.1-6-6(b),  
26 the inheritance tax accrues and the lien attaches at the time of the  
27 decedent's death. The lien terminates when the inheritance tax is paid,  
28 **when an affidavit stating that no inheritance tax is due is recorded**  
29 **under IC 6-4.1-4-0.5**, or five (5) years after the date of the decedent's  
30 death, whichever occurs first. In addition to the lien, the transferee of  
31 the property and any personal representative or trustee who has  
32 possession of or control over the property are personally liable for the  
33 inheritance tax.

34 SECTION 3. IC 6-4.1-8-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.59-1996,  
35 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
36 JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 4. (a) A person who has possession of or control  
37 over personal property held jointly by a resident decedent and another  
38 person may not transfer the property to the surviving joint tenant,  
39 unless:

- 40 (1) the surviving joint tenant is the decedent's surviving spouse;
- 41 or
- 42 (2) the property is money held in a joint checking account;

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1 without the written consent of the department of state revenue or the  
 2 county assessor of the county in which the resident decedent was  
 3 domiciled at the time of the decedent's death.

4 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person who has  
 5 possession of or control over personal property held in a trust that is  
 6 subject to the Indiana inheritance or estate tax at the time of a resident  
 7 decedent's death may not transfer the property to a beneficiary or any  
 8 other person, unless the beneficiary or other person is the decedent's  
 9 surviving spouse, without the written consent of the department of state  
 10 revenue or the county assessor of the county in which the resident  
 11 decedent was domiciled at the time of the decedent's death.

12 (c) A person who has possession of or control over personal  
 13 property held in trust may transfer the property without the written  
 14 consent of the department of state revenue or the county assessor of the  
 15 county in which the resident decedent was domiciled at the time of the  
 16 decedent's death under the following conditions:

17 (1) The transferee is domiciled in Indiana.

18 (2) The transferee completes a sworn affidavit on a form  
 19 prescribed by the department of state revenue that states:

20 (A) the transfer of the personal property is not subject to  
 21 Indiana inheritance or estate tax; and

22 (B) the reasons the transfer is not subject to tax.

23 (3) A copy of the affidavit required under subdivision (2) is  
 24 immediately filed with the department of state revenue.

25 (d) A person who has possession of or control over a resident  
 26 decedent's personal property (except proceeds payable under a life  
 27 insurance policy) may not transfer the property to any other person,  
 28 unless:

29 (1) the other person is the decedent's surviving spouse; or

30 (2) the property is money held in a checking account;

31 without the written consent of the department of state revenue or the  
 32 county assessor of the county in which the resident decedent was  
 33 domiciled at the time of the decedent's death.

34 (e) The department of state revenue or the appropriate county  
 35 assessor may consent to a transfer if the department or the county  
 36 assessor believes that the transfer will not jeopardize the collection of  
 37 inheritance tax.

38 **(f) The department of state revenue or the appropriate county**  
 39 **assessor may rely upon an affidavit prescribed by the department**  
 40 **of state revenue under IC 6-4.1-4-0.5(b) to determine that a**  
 41 **transfer will not jeopardize the collection of inheritance tax.**

42 (⊕) (g) The department of state revenue shall send a copy of any

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1 consent to transfer that it issues under this section to the county  
2 assessor of the county in which the resident decedent was domiciled at  
3 the time of the decedent's death.

4 SECTION 4. IC 6-4.1-3-12.5 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY  
5 1, 1998].

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