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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- COLLECTION AND
MANAGEMENT OF DECEDENT'S ESTATES

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Newberry, and Place

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 33-9-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 33-9 entitled "Collection and
2 Management of Decedents' Estates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **33-9-1. Return of inventory of estate.**

4 [\(a\)](#) Every administrator and every executor, shall, within ninety (90) days after his or her
5 appointment or such longer period as may be allowed by the probate court, return to the probate
6 court, under oath, a true inventory of all the personal property, both tangible and intangible, and of
7 all claims, rights, causes of actions and other assets, other than real property, of the deceased, with
8 an appraisalment thereof as of the date of the decedent's death.

9 [\(b\) Any administrator or executor, upon presentment of proof of appointment and personal](#)
10 [identification, shall have the authority to request, from any financial institution, all funds of the](#)
11 [decedent on deposit to be provided by the financial institution to the administrator or executor the](#)
12 [same day of the request, without incurring any additional fees.](#)

13 [\(c\) The department of business regulation shall have the authority to impose penalties for](#)
14 [violation of this section pursuant to § 19-14-26.](#)

15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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- 1 This act would allow a duly authorized administrator or executor of an estate to request
- 2 decedent's funds on deposit with any financial institution without cost.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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