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SENATE DRS85099-LL-61A (3/5)

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

Sponsors: Senator Thomas.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A DEPUTY TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE CONTENTS
OF A DECEDENT'S SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

- (1) Institution. – Any entity or person having supervision or possession of a safe-deposit box to which a decedent had access.
- (2) Letter of authority. – Letters of administration, letters testamentary, an affidavit of collection of personal property, an order of summary administration, or a letter directed to the institution designating a person entitled to receive the contents of a safe-deposit box to which the decedent had access. The letter of authority must be signed by the clerk of superior court or by the clerk's representative.
- (3) Qualified person. – A person possessing a letter of authority or a person named as a deputy, lessee or cotenant of the safe-deposit box to which the decedent had access."

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