

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 244
HOUSE BILL 607

AN ACT TO EXPRESSLY PROVIDE FOR THE DEVOLUTION OF A DEVISE OR LEGACY OF A MEMBER OF A CLASS PREDECEASING THE TESTATOR WITHOUT QUALIFIED ISSUE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE GENERAL STATUTES COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 31-42(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Unless a contrary intent is indicated by the will, where a devise or legacy of any interest in property is given to a person as an individual or as a member of a class and the person dies survived by qualified issue before the testator dies, then the qualified issue of such deceased person that survive the testator shall represent the deceased person, and the entire interest that the deceased person would have taken had he survived the testator shall pass by substitution to his qualified issue. The qualified issue shall take pursuant to the preceding sentence regardless of whether or not the deceased person dies before or after the making of the will. Where a devise or legacy of any interest in property is given to a person as a member of a class and the person predeceases the testator and is not survived by qualified issue, then, unless a contrary intent is indicated by the will, the entire interest of such person shall devolve upon the members of the class who survived the testator and the qualified issue of any members of the class who predeceased the testator, taking by substitution as herein provided."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to the will of any person dying on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 6th day of June, 1989.