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I am a lawyer. My practice area is probate and trust litigation. This bill would cause a massive increase in litigation in probate estates. Selfishly, I should welcome this! But there is already more probate litigation than there are competent lawyers to do it.

The probate process is already infested with people who delay the administration of probates due to a sense of entitlement -- and here, I am referring to people who already have a recognized legal rights as devisees under wills, or heirs under intestacy. This bill would invite ANYONE with either a sense of entitlement or an opportunistic desire for cash to show up and assert a right to a share of a decedent's estate.

This bill is ill-conceived and an invitation to vulture litigation. Shut it down early.