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Rights of a Domestic Partner – Probate Code

On January 12, 2006 Governor Cody signed Senate Bill S-2083 into law as P.L. 2005 c.331 in connection with various Rights of Domestic Partners.

SYNOPSIS: “Provides that surviving domestic partner would have the same intestacy rights as a surviving spouse...”

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE STATEMENT TO SENATE, No. 2083: “The committee amendments include changes to various sections of Title 3B, the Probate Code, to provide that a surviving domestic partner would have the same rights concerning inheritance as a surviving spouse if the decedent has not left a will. The committee amendments include a definition generally of "domestic partner" for Title 3B and include "domestic partner" in the definition of "heir." Various references to "surviving spouse" would be amended to include "or domestic partner" in such sections as those concerning intestate shares of heirs; elective share; the definition of "augmented estate;" granting of letters of administration; and entitlement to assets without administration.”

EXAMPLE:

Intestacy Provisions for Persons Dying on or after February 27, 2005

Decedent dies survived by:	Real and personal property pass as follows:
Spouse (or domestic partner), no children or parents	Spouse (or domestic partner): 100% of the estate

For a complete copy of said Bill please see:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2004/Bills/S2500/2083_R1.HTM

Be advised that a “domestic partner” is defined as a person meeting the statutory requirements of the Domestic Partnership Act, (N.J.S.A. 26:8A-1 et seq.). For more details and a full copy of the Bill please see: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2002/Bills/PL03/246.PDF>

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