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## **Report Summary**

### **PROBATE, ESTATES AND FIDUCIARIES:** Proposed Amendments to Title 20 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes *Report of the Advisory Committee on Decedents' Estates Laws*

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“The Advisory Committee on Decedents’ Estates Laws convened in October 2017 and recommended amendments to 20 Pa.C.S. The proposed amendments to chapter 56 would add references to Adult Protective Services Act, which is a more recent enactment that supplements the earlier Older Adults Protective Services Act. The other proposed amendment to this chapter would enact statutory standing for judicial relief. The proposed amendment to chapter 76 would add a section relating to creditors’ rights so that this chapter more completely codifies existent case law. The proposed amendments to chapters 33 and 77 would authorize a settlor and testator to split the responsibilities of co-fiduciaries so that some could have powers the others do not. The proposed amendment to Senate Bill No. 884 (Sess. of 2017) would require approval of compromises and settlements of claims by or against an estate via a guardian to be approved by the orphans’ court division that has jurisdiction of the guardianship. The proposed amendment to chapter 75 would correct a glitch in the effective date provision in § 7504(c)(2) (relating to certain trustee powers not exercisable).”