

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §36-12-15

§36-12-15. Prior transfer on death liberally construed.

(a) Any transfer on death deed properly recorded in an office of the clerk of a county commission before the effective date of this article containing language that shows a clear intent to designate a transfer on death beneficiary shall be liberally construed to do so.

(b) Any survivorship clause in a deed properly recorded before the effective date of this article in an office of the clerk of a county commission that attempts to create a right of survivorship tenancy, which survivorship tenancy otherwise fails, but otherwise is an effective deed, and shows a clear intent to designate a beneficiary to receive the property upon death of one or more cotenants by survivorship shall be liberally construed to be an effective transfer on death deed governed by this article.