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**WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 44B**  
**ARTICLE 6**

WV Legislature

**§44B-6-601. Uniformity of application and construction.**

In applying and construing this chapter, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

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**§44B-6-602. Severability clause.**

If any provision of this chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable.

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**§44B-6-603. Effective date.**

This chapter takes effect on July 1, 2000.

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**§44B-6-604. Application of chapter to existing trusts and estates.**

This chapter applies, to any will and trust established under an instrument executed on or after the effective date of this chapter except as otherwise expressly provided in the will or terms of the trust or in this chapter, or if the trustee or personal representative elects in either's sole discretion to administer the trust or will under this chapter.

With respect to any will or trust established under an instrument executed prior to the effective date of this chapter, this chapter applies if the trustee or personal representative elects, in either's sole discretion, to administer the trust or will under this chapter.

**§44B-6-606. Transitional Matters.**

Section four hundred nine, article four of this chapter, as amended during the regular session of the 2009 Legislature, applies to a trust described in subsection (d) of section four hundred nine, article four of this chapter on and after the following dates:

- (1) If the trust is not funded as of the effective date of the amendments to this chapter enacted during the regular session of the two thousand nine Legislature, the date of the decedent's death.
- (2) If the trust is initially funded in the calendar year beginning January 1, 2009, the date of the decedent's death.
- (3) If the trust is not described in paragraph (1) or (2), January 1, 2009.