

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §46a-2-136

§46A-2-136. Personal property exemptions.

Any consumer residing in this state may set apart and hold personal property to be exempt from execution or other judicial process resulting from consumer credit transactions or consumer leases, except for the purchase money due on such property, in such amounts as follows: Children's books, pictures, toys and other such personal property of children; all medical health equipment used for health purposes by the consumer, his or her spouse and any dependent of such consumer; and personal property set apart and held as exempt pursuant to section one, article eight, chapter thirty-eight of this code. When a consumer claims personal property as exempt under the provisions of this section, he or she shall deliver a list containing all the personal property owned or claimed by him or her and all items of such property he or she claims as exempt hereunder, with the value of each separate item listed according to his or her best knowledge, to the officer holding the execution or other such process. Such list shall be sworn to by affidavit. If the value of the property named in such list exceeds the amounts specified in this section, the consumer shall state at the foot thereof what part of such property he or she claims as exempt. If such value does not exceed the amounts specified in this section, the claim of exemption shall be held to extend to the whole thereof without stating more and, if no appraisal is demanded, the property so claimed shall be set aside as exempt. Where the consumer owning exempt property is absent or incapable of acting or neglects or declines to act hereunder, the claim of exemption may be made, the list delivered and the affidavit made by his or her spouse or by or on behalf of a dependent of the consumer, with the same effect as if the owner had done so. Upon receipt of such a list, the officer to whom it is given shall immediately exhibit such list to the creditor or his or her agent or attorney. The rights granted and procedures provided in article eight, chapter thirty-eight of this code shall apply to any proceeding under this section, except that the provisions of section three of such article shall not apply.