WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §48-27-204

PART 2. DEFINITIONS.

§48-27-204. Family or household members defined.

"Family or household members" means persons who:

- (1) Are or were married to each other;
- (2) Are or were living together as spouses;
- (3) Are or were sexual or intimate partners;

(4) Are or were dating: Provided, That a casual acquaintance or ordinary fraternization between persons in a business or social context does not establish a dating relationship;

- (5) Are or were residing together in the same household;
- (6) Have a child in common regardless of whether they have ever married or lived together;
- (7) Have the following relationships to another person:
- (A) Parent;
- (B) Stepparent;
- (C) Brother or sister;
- (D) Half-brother or half-sister;
- (E) Stepbrother or stepsister;
- (F) Father-in-law or mother-in-law;
- (G) Stepfather-in-law or stepmother-in-law;
- (H) Child or stepchild;
- (I) Daughter-in-law or son-in-law;
- (J) Stepdaughter-in-law or stepson-in-law;
- (K) Grandparent;
- (L) Step grandparent;

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(M) Aunt, aunt-in-law or step aunt;

(N) Uncle, uncle-in-law or step uncle;

(O) Niece or nephew;

(P) First or second cousin; or

(8) Have the relationships set forth in paragraphs (A) through (P), subdivision (7) of this section to a family or household member, as defined in subdivisions (1) through (6) of this section.