AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article one, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the age of consent for marriage, and authorizing the circuit court of the county to direct the clerk of the county court to issue a marriage license to persons under the statutory age of consent in case of the pregnancy of a female applicant for a marriage license.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section one, article one, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 1. Age of Consent.—For marriage the age of consent of the male shall be eighteen years of age, and of the female sixteen years: Provided, however, That in
case of pregnancy of a female by a male, either of whom is under the statutory age of consent, upon being so directed to do by the circuit court of the county, the clerk of the county court wherein the female usually resides, or in cases where the female is a non-resident of the state of West Virginia, the clerk of the county court in which the marriage application is made shall issue proper marriage license with the consent of the parents or guardian of the person or persons under the age of consent. The circuit court of the county or the judge thereof, in vacation shall only be authorized to direct the issuance of such license in such cases upon the presentation to the circuit court or the judge in vacation, of a doctor's certificate showing that he has examined the female and that she is pregnant.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House of Delegates

Takes effect 90 days from passage.

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

E. P. Landy
Speaker, House of Delegates

The within Disapproved this the 20th day of March, 1959.

Governor