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# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1961

## ENROLLED

SENATE BILL NO. 222

(By Mr. Comm. on the Judiciary)

PASSED March 11th 1961

In Effect from Passage



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of West Virginia MAR 17 1961  
JOE F. BURDETT  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**ENROLLED**

**Senate Bill No. 222**

(Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary)

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[Passed March 11, 1961; in effect from passage.]

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AN ACT to amend article four, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section designated section nine, relating to the adoption of children and adults.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That article four, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section designated section nine, to read as follows:

**Section 9. *Contracts Limiting or Restraining Adoptions.***

- 2 —Any contract, agreement or stipulation which endeav-  
3 ors to deny to any person or persons the right to petition

4 for adoption of any person, or which endeavors to alter  
5 the time or manner of adoption as provided in this article  
6 is contrary to the public policy of the state and such por-  
7 tion of any contract, agreement or stipulation is null and  
8 void and of no effect.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Howard Davis, Jr.*  
 Chairman Senate Committee

*Mr. H. H. Withers*  
 Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect *from* passage.

*Harold Myers*  
 Clerk of the Senate

*C. A. Blankenship*  
 Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Harvard W. Carson*  
 President of the Senate

*Julius W. Singleton Sr.*  
 Speaker House of Delegates

The within *approved* this the *17<sup>th</sup>*  
 day of *March*, 1961.

*Wm. Barr*  
 Governor



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