WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1973

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HOUSE BILL No. 821

(By Mr. Liddle)

PASSED April 14, 1973

In Effect Passage

FILED IN THE OFFICE
EDGAR F. NEIKEL III
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 5/2/73
ENROLLED

House Bill No. 871
(By Mr. Jolliffe)

[Passed April 14, 1973; in effect from passage.]

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 domestic relations; marriage; age of consent; exceptions; providing waiver of consent where female is pregnant or has previously given birth.

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:

ARTICLE 1. MARRIAGE.

§48-1-1. Age of consent; exceptions.

1 For marriage the age of consent of the male shall be eighteen years of age, and of the female sixteen years. If, however, the male or female, or both, be under the age of consent as aforesaid, and if a licensed physician shall certify in writing that he has examined said female and found her to be pregnant, or if such female has previously given birth to a child, and if in either of such events consent be obtained from the parents, parent or guardian in the manner prescribed in section eight of this article, the judge of any court of record of the county, in which county and application for marriage license
may otherwise be properly filed as provided in this article, may
direct the issuance of a marriage license by the clerk of the
county court of such county. In the absence or incapacity to
act of the judges of all courts of record of the county in which
the application is to be filed, the order may be made and
directed to the clerk of the county court of such county by any
judge of a court of record in any judicial circuit adjoining the
circuit in which such county is located.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

_Thomas Darby_
Chairman Senate Committee

_Thomott C. Christian Jr._
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.
Takes effect from passage.

_Howard McAxison_
Clerk of the Senate

_Charles Blankenship_
Clerk of the House of Delegates

_W. T. Battleston, Jr._
President of the Senate

_Louis F. W. Brown_
Speaker House of Delegates

The within ______________________ this the 24th


_Arthur Rawle Jr._
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/73
Time 2:34 p.m.