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**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION, 1981**



**ENROLLED**

**SENATE BILL NO. 356**

(By Mr. Plumbo)



PASSED April 8, 1981

In Effect ninety days from Passage



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(By MR. PALUMBO)

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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; parental consent of a female and male below the age of eighteen; exceptions.

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

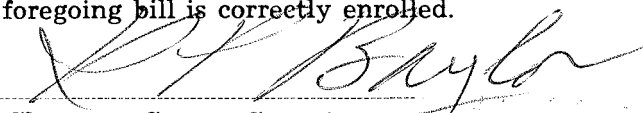
That section one, article one, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

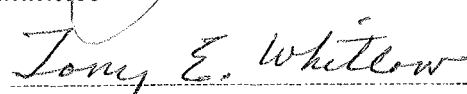
**ARTICLE 1. MARRIAGE.**

**§48-1-1. Age of consent; exceptions.**

1 Except as provided in section eight of this article, for  
2 marriage the age of consent of the male and the female shall  
3 be eighteen years of age. If, however, the male or female, or  
4 both, be under the age of consent as aforesaid, and if a  
5 licensed physician shall certify in writing that he has  
6 examined said female and found her to be pregnant, or if such  
7 female has previously given birth to a child, and if in either of  
8 such events consent be obtained from the parents, parent or  
9 guardian in the manner prescribed in section eight of this  
10 article, the judge of any court of record of the county, in  
11 which county an application for marriage license may  
12 otherwise be properly filed as provided in this article, may  
13 direct the issuance of a marriage license by the clerk of the  
14 county court of such county. In the absence or incapacity to  
15 act of the judges of all courts of record of the county in which  
16 the application is to be filed, the order may be made and  
17 directed to the clerk of the county court of such county by  
18 any judge of a court of record in any judicial circuit adjoining  
19 the circuit in which such county is located.

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

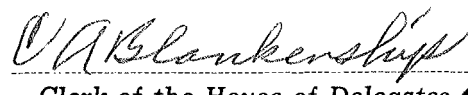
  
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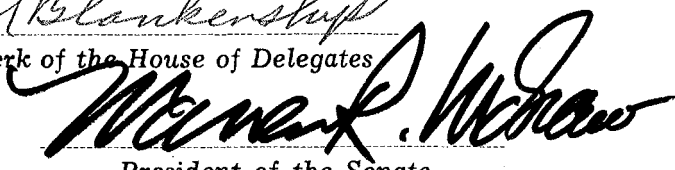
  
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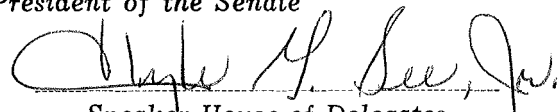
Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

  
Clerk of the Senate

  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

  
President of the Senate

  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within in approved this the 24  
day of April, 1981.

  
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