WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1982

ENROLLED
SENATE BILL NO. 2232

(By Mr. Columb)

PASSED March 9, 1982
In Effect ten days from Passage
AN ACT to repeal sections one and eight, article one, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to enact in lieu thereof a new section one, article one, chapter forty-eight, all relating to the age of consent to marry for males and females, procedure for giving consent by parent or legal guardian, and allowing a judge of the circuit court of the circuit in which the application is made for a marriage license to order issuance in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections one and eight, article one, chapter forty-eight of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be repealed; and that a new section one, article one, chapter forty-eight be enacted in lieu thereof, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE 1. MARRIAGE.

§48-1-1. Age of consent for marriage; exception; voidable marriage.

1. The age of consent for marriage for both the male and the female shall be eighteen years of age. Any person under the age of eighteen must obtain the consent of the parent or legal guardian in whose custody that person is at the time of application for a marriage license. That consent shall be given to the clerk of the county commission by a writing duly acknowledged before an officer authorized to acknowledge a deed. No person under the age
9 of sixteen may be issued a license except upon order of
10 the circuit judge and with the consent of the parent
11 or guardian: Provided, That a circuit judge of the circuit
12 in which the application for a marriage license is filed
13 may order the clerk to issue a license to any person
14 under the age of sixteen if, in his discretion, the issuance
15 of a license is in the best interest of the applicant and
16 consent of the parent or guardian has been given in the
17 manner required by this section.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 29th day of March, 1982.

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Governor