

No. 19

## AN ACT

HB 223

Amending the act of April 24, 1947 (P.L.89), entitled "An act relating to the form, execution, revocation, operation, and interpretation of wills; to nuncupative wills; to the appointment of testamentary guardians; to elections to take under or against wills and the procedure in reference thereto," regulating the construction of wills in regard to persons born out of wedlock.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Clause (7) of section 14, act of April 24, 1947 (P.L.89), known as the "Wills Act of 1947," amended February 17, 1956 (P.L.1070), is amended to read:

Section 14. Rules of Interpretation.—In the absence of a contrary intent appearing therein, wills shall be construed as to real and personal estate in accordance with the following rules:

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(7) **[Illegitimates.] Persons Born Out of Wedlock.** In construing clauses (8), (9) and (10) of this section, relating to lapsed and void devises and legacies, and in construing a will making a devise or bequest to <sup>1</sup> a person or persons described by relationship to the testator or to another, **[an illegitimate] a person born out of wedlock** shall be considered the child of his mother and not of his father: Provided, That when the parents of a person born **[illegitimate] out of wedlock** shall have married each other, he shall thereafter be considered **[legitimate.] as having been born within the period of time during which the parents were married.**

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APPROVED—The 17th day of June, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 19.

<sup>1</sup>"and" in original.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.