

No. 20

AN ACT

HB 225

Amending the act of April 24, 1947 (P.L.100), entitled "An act relating to the incidents of legal and equitable interests in real and personal property, including the validity thereof, the powers, rights, and duties of persons with respect thereto, and the disposition of interests which fail, and containing provisions concerning termination of trusts, releases and disclaimers of powers and interests, perpetuities, accumulations, charitable estates, rights of a surviving spouse in property as to which the decedent has retained certain powers, spendthrift trusts, limited estates in property, rules of interpretation, estates pur autre vie, estates in fee tail, and the Rule in Shelley's Case," prescribing certain rights of persons born out of wedlock.

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

Section 1. Clause (4) of section 14, act of April 24, 1947 (P.L.100), known as the "Estates Act of 1947," is amended to read:

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

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(4) **[Illegitimates.] Persons Born Out of Wedlock.** In construing a conveyance to a person or persons described by relationship to the conveyor or to another, **[an illegitimate person] 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.

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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. 20.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.